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RICE RIOTS IN CHUNGKING

Mobs Loot Shops: Military Called Out

SHANGHAI FEARS OF TROUBLE

Nanking, June 17.

More than 200 people were arrested by the police as rice rioting, which began with the present high jump of prices, hit Chungking yesterday.

A telephone message received here from Chungking said that over 30 rice shops in widely scattered areas of the city were looted by rioters yesterday afternoon when the price suddenly rose from CN$5,000,000 to CN$10,000,000 per picul.

The reports said that after the disturbances began, the police and military were mobilised and rounded up more than 200 rioters as some 5,000 were ransacking rice shops. Up to this morning, the arrested people were still held for questioning.

While the Municipal authorities today ordered rice shops to sell their stocks at the official price of CN$5,500,000 a picul, all shops remained closed until police protection was given.

Zooming prices are causing acute hardship in China's major cities, such as Shanghai, Peiping and Tientsin.

In Shanghai, fear of rice riots increased as dealers refused to sell their stocks.

Record Prices

Authorities trying to keep the price pegged at CN$10,000,000 for a 133 pound picul—assigned squads of police to patrol rice shop districts.

Dealers were afraid of high prices. Their supplies were short and since they could not make profit anyway, many closed their shops.

In "back door" deals, rice was sold for CN$11 million per picul.

Associated Press's Spencer Moosa reported from Peiping that an emergency meeting under Mayor Ho Sze-yuan decided to appeal to Nanking to lift restrictions on shipment of food to North China and arrest "spiraling charges" by Government-owned enterprises, particularly rail, air and shipping services.

The price of flour and rice jumped to record heights in Peiping and almost every other commodity was following suit.

Situation Chaotic

The pro-Kuomintang Peiping Chronicle described the economic situation here as "hectic and chaotic."

Most shops in Peiping, even those dealing only in native manufactured goods, were adjusting price tags according to the black market value of the American dollar.

In Tientsin, measures taken to attempt to check rising prices have had no effect whatever.

The price of flour there rose over 70 percent in the past fortnight.

A customer visiting a big silk store in Tientsin was angry to find prices increased ten percent overnight. The manager told him "We don't like it either. We have to work many hours overtime changing price tags."

The customer, going to another shop, found prices just had been increased and had to pay five percent more.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Red Danger In Hupeh

Nanking, June 17.

Reports from Hankow said police arrested 100 Communist suspects in a house-to-house search.

At the same time, this report said, Hupeh Province's former Governor, General Ho Cheng-chuen, told provincial councilmen, "You should not hide the fact that the Communists control 40 of 114 districts in Hupeh," in an appeal to the National Government for more troops.—Associated Press.

More Czechs Escape In Dakota

London, June 16.

Twenty-one Czechoslovak refugees arrived at a Royal Air Force station today in a Czechoslovak Dakota plane in which they had escaped during the night.

Among them were two women and two boys, one aged eight and the other 14.

It was the second time within a month that Czechoslovak refugees had reached Britain in a "borrowed" plane. On May 19, eight men, five of them former R.A.F. men—flew from Czechoslovakia in a plane belonging to a Czechoslovak airline.

The men who arrived today were all of military age and, according to a RAF officer, left Czechoslovakia because they had English connections. Some have English wives in this country.

The 21 brought only hand-luggage with them.

The plane, refuelled and tested, secretly took off from a Czechoslovak airfield in darkness.—Reuter.

POLICE PETITION REJECTED

A petition addressed to the Governor by the European Inspectors' Association of the Hong Kong Police has been rejected, the "China Mail" learns on good authority.

The petition had brought up a series of grievances, including pay and allowances and pensions. It also asked the Governor to receive a delegation.

The "China Mail" understands that in addition to rejecting the petition, Government has turned down the request that the Governor receive a delegation to explain the Association's complaints.

C.K.R. REPAIRS

Canton, June 17.

All sleepers along the Canton-Kowloon Railway are to be replaced and bridges and culverts repaired, according to a Chinese press report.

This work will begin in July and may be completed within two months.—Reuter.

Rangoon Issues A Denial

Rangoon, June 17.

The Burmese Foreign Minister, U Tin Tut, today "categorically denied that there is any switch of Burmese policy towards Communism".

The Minister, who was commenting on the Prime Minister, Thakin Nu's speech last Sunday, outlining a 15-point programme for Burma, said: "There is no alignment with the Soviet Union or any particular power. We want to extend our international contacts but not to relax in any way the friendship we have achieved with Britain and other countries."

"We do not contemplate including any Communists in the Cabinet," he said. He added that this included Thein Pe, former leader of the White Flag Communist Party, who had been mentioned as a likely member in any new government.

He claimed that Burma's foreign policy, which he summed up as "be friends with all countries and do what we can to maintain world peace," was not very different from what Pandit Nehru, the Indian Premier, told the India Constituent Assembly recently.—Reuter.

New Arrests Likely On King's Death

Bangkok, June 17.

Police said today new arrests are expected in the two-year old mystery of the death of King Anada Mahidol of Siam.

The police investigation was concluded this week and a report was turned over to the public prosecutor yesterday.

The King was found dead on June 9, 1946, in his Palace, a gun by his head.

The death first was considered a suicide but later officially was declared a murder. The King's private secretary, tutor and two bedroom attendants go on trial in July for the King's death.

Police said the new arrests are expected before the trials begin. They did not elaborate on the possible suspects. — Associated Press.

CAMBRIDGE EXAMS

The Cambridge School-leaving Examination will be held in Hong Kong in December next.

Entry forms for private students are available at the Education Office, 3rd floor, Windsor House. Completed forms should be returned by the end of June.

Students attending schools in the Colony must forward their entries through the heads of their schools.

NEW FREIGHT RATES

New tariff rates for freight from Hong Kong to Mediterranean and European ports will come into force on Monday.

The new charges were recently discussed and approved by the Far Eastern (Hong Kong Area) Freight Conference.

The new rates have been circularised to all shippers and export firms in the Colony.

SIX-POWER PLAN APPROVED

Paris, June 17.

The National Assembly today reluctantly approved the six-power agreement to set up a semi-independent Government in Western Germany. It added six conditions intended to guarantee French security.

Premier Robert Schuman had only eight votes to spare on the final count. The vote was 297 for approval to 289 against. There were 26 abstentions.

The decision was reached after bitter debate in which Schuman's Government was accused of failure to defend the national interests of France. The Communists and the far right joined in the fight against the Government on the issue.

French approval was the final one necessary to start the new German plan functioning. Approval had already been granted by the other five Governments involved. They are Britain, the United States, Luxembourg, Belgium and the Netherlands.—Associated Press.

Australia's Policy On Japan

Canberra, June 16.

Australia's External Affairs Minister Dr. Herbert V. Evatt told the House of Representatives today that United States emphasis on rebuilding Japan was largely a by product of the generally tense relations between America and Russia.

America agreed two years ago that Japan should have no industry for war use but that policy was being modified, Dr. Evatt said.

Japan might become an important factor in any future conflict between America and Russia.

A modified policy, however, might be a portent of the menace to Pacific countries like Australia similar to the policy after the first world war resulting in Germany becoming a menace to Democracy, he added.

The Australian views are shared by other British Commonwealth members on the Far East Commission in Washington," said Dr. Evatt, who was replying to opposition criticism of his foreign policy.—Associated Press.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

A Camera May Look At A King

Jacquelin Bertrand, green-eyed camera-girl at the Doyen Cabaret in Paris makes a pretty picture. She came into the limelight following rumours that 26-year-old King Sinahouk of Cambodia was "so charmed by her sweet smile" when she took his picture at the "Doyen" that flowers and a dinner date followed.

FRANCE HIT BY WAVE OF INDUSTRIAL TROUBLES

100,000 WORKERS IN WALK-OUT

Clermont-Ferrand, June 17.

While the town of Clermont-Ferrand, torn by bloody industrial strife for three days and isolated by troops and police today from the rest of France, had an uneasy truce, more than 25 other French towns have been hit by a surge of strikes snowballing across the country, and there are indications that 100,000 Frenchmen will be off the job by tonight.

While the authorities and union delegates tried to negotiate an agreement to end the three days of strikes and bloodshed in Clermont-Ferrand, steel-helmeted troops and tough security guards cordoned off all approaches to the city to prevent reinforcements for the striking workers reaching here from neighbouring towns.

All road approaches were blocked and traffic diverted or turned back. Trains were halted five miles outside Clermont and none left. Even phone calls outside became increasingly difficult.

All streetcars were at a standstill and cafes were shuttered. No newspapers appeared.

An uneasy truce prevailed during the negotiations. But security forces and strikers glared sullenly at each other from behind barbed wire and barricades.

Troops and security guards wore full war kit with steel helmets and carbines. Guards also carried heavy riot sticks.

Three hundred wounded are being treated in hospitals as hundreds more received first aid for injuries in their homes.

Fifteen policemen are feared blinded by sulphuric acid thrown by workers during a pitched battle.

Some 400 regular troops and 2,000 security guards had been besieged in the Bergougnan rubber factory by some 20,000 strikers who barricaded the streets. Three hundred strikers were arrested.

Strikes have been called in metal trades, printing shops, tobacco companies, rubber factories and mines. Most demands are for a 20 percent increase in minimum salaries.

Wave Spreads

Trucks, planes and trains carried police and troop reinforcements to Clermont-Ferrand all through the night. Five regiments of troops already are on the spot.

First evidence that the strike wave is reaching Paris came last night when 4,000 railway workers at Villennes-Triage staged a 30-minute sympathy walk-out. The town is 10 miles from the French capital.

Similar demonstrations were staged at Colmar, at the textile mills of Roane and at the Government arsenal at Limoges.

In Marseilles, 5,000 metal workers quit work. The strikes also spread through the towns of Tarbes, Belfort, Metz, Strasbourg, St. Eloy, Brassac, St. Etienne, Angers, Quimper and Dousi.—United Press and Associated Press.

Just Got Into The Habit

Shanghai, June 17.

A former cabaret dancing hostess, Miss Chang Tai-lin, 21, claimed today that she has not eaten solid meals the past three years, and offered herself for medical observation.

Her claim followed the Chungking case in which 20-year-old Miss Yang Mei says she had not eaten for nine years and who is entering her sixth week of observation without being known to take food.

Miss Chang said she was the adopted daughter of a horse trader who travelled extensively through uninhabited areas on horseback and developed a habit of eliminating meals.

However, she admitted eating a few bananas and other fruits once three or four days.—United Press.

Jap Mission To China?

Tokyo, June 17.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Hitoshi Ashida, told the Lower House Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday that he supported the Social-Democrat leader and former prime minister, Mr. Totsu Katayama's suggestion of sending a Japanese goodwill mission to China.

Mr. Ashida said that there was a good possibility of such a plan materialising, adding that it should be carried out by non-Government organisations.—Reuter.

TYPHOON DISASTER: 200 DEAD

Shanghai, June 17.

More than 200 were killed and about 100 injured when a typhoon—the first in 60 years—struck the Tungting Lake area in north-east Hunan Province on June 7, according to delayed Chinese reports reaching here today.

In the city of Yunyang alone, nearly 3,000 homes are said to have been levelled and some ten junks sunk.

Eleven districts around the Lake, including vast areas of fertile rice-fields, are at present submerged in water as a result of the floods which followed in the wake of the typhoon, the reports said, adding that more than 3,000,000 people are affected one way or another by the double calamity.

The official Central News Agency asserted that Hunan's rice crop is expected to suffer a loss of several million piculs as a result of the flood.—Reuter.

The Weather

The ridge persists from the Pacific anticyclone across the Philippines to Malaya. Pressure is relatively high over China. From a depression over the Gulf of Tongkin a trough extends NE to a depression E of Tokyo.

Pressure remains low over Manchuria.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate SW winds. Cloudy with occasional squally showers, heavy at times during the morning.

Yesterday's Weather:—

Maximum: 85.3 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 77.5 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 0.2 hour.
Rainfall: 17.0 mm.=0.67 in. Total since Jan. 1—786.6 mm.=30.17 ins. as against an average of 789.3 mm.=31.07 ins.

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Young China Party Refuse To Play

Nanking, June 17.

The Young China Party, one of the two minor groups formerly constituting China's coalition government, today formally announced their refusal to participate in Premier Wong Wen-hao's new Cabinet.

The announcement followed on the heels of a virtual ultimatum delivered by the Party that unless the Legislative Yuan seating dispute is settled before June 15, they would boycott the Executive branch of the new government.

By this action of the Young China Party, the new Cabinet will have two portfolios and two posts of minister without portfolio left unfilled.

The Party's decision was conveyed to Premier Wong in a letter signed jointly by Mr. Tso Shun-sheng, originally slated as Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Mr. Chen Chi-tien as Minister of Industry and Commerce and Mr. Yang Yung-chun and Mr. Chen Cheng-wen as ministers without portfolio.

In their letter to the Premier, the Young China Party members said that as a settlement of the Legislative Yuan dispute was impossible at present, they could not reconcile their "sense of responsibility" if the ministerial posts reserved for them remained unfilled.

"We beg you to take prompt action to select new candidates for the posts without delay to complete the organisation of the new Cabinet."

In a separate letter addressed to Mr. Lei Cheng and Mr. Chen Pu-lei, two Government representatives negotiating the dispute, the Young China Party men spoke out in harsher words and blamed the Kuomintang for its unilateral action in announcing the list of legislators without consulting the minor parties.

They criticised the Kuomintang as no longer attaching any importance to multi-party cooperation and under such circumstances they could not justify their participation in the Government.—Reuter-AAP.

Soviet Economist Tells All

London, June 16.

Radio Moscow predicted tonight that in two to three years "the living standard of the Soviet worker will be the highest in human history."

The broadcast, quoting from a "New Times" article by a prominent economist, said that in contrast nations of Western Europe in the 1950-51 period would suffer privations at far lower than the minimum Marshall Plan level of living.

The Eastern European nations, which look to Russia for guidance, the radio said, would experience a living standard by that time far surpassing their pre-war level "and will undoubtedly be higher than at any time in their history."

This is how the economist worked it out: Europe's living standards will nose-dive "because of the economic crisis maturing in the United States and capitalist Europe."

In Russia, he continued, despite war devastation, "the standard of living is already higher than anywhere else in Europe."

"And by 1950 and 1951, when it is proposed to complete the Marshall Plan," the living standard of the Soviet worker will be the highest in human history."—United Press.

KOWLOON WHARF PLANS

Extension of the existing Cold Storage facilities at Kowloon Wharves has been under consideration for some time, and is expected to be put into effect shortly.

Installed several years before the war, the present installation, operated by the Dairy Farm on the premises of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., provides accommodation for 250 tons of Refrigerated Cargo, which can be handled direct from or to vessels alongside.

To keep pace with modern "Reefer" Cargo developments, present plans envisage an extension to 400 tons in the immediate future and an ultimate installation capable of handling 600 tons.

Alleged Assault On Engine Driver

The Chinese authorities of the Canton-Kowloon Railway has sent a representative to Hong Kong to investigate an alleged assault on a Chinese engine driver by a European officer on June 6 last, it was reported in a Canton despatch in the Ta Kung Pao yesterday.

The report said that the European officer forced his way on to the engine despite a notice on it forbidding unauthorised persons on the locomotive.

When challenged with the notice, the European official allegedly assaulted the driver, causing injury to his arms and legs. The alleged incident, the report said, occurred at the Kowloon terminus of the railway.

Official sources, however, said yesterday that they had no information on the subject.—United Press.

DRASTIC SHORTAGE OF WAR MATERIALS

Washington, June 17.

Testifying in a closed hearing of the House Appropriations Committee, chairman Thomas J. Hargrave of the National Munitions Board said today that the United States lacks enough of some critical materials "even to begin to think about a fighting war."

He said, in connection with a request of the authority to enter contracts up to $660,000,000 for strategic stockpiling for the next fiscal year, that the contemplated stockpiling would create shortages for industry. He said the stockpile programme envisions the expenditure of $3,000,000,000 in five to seven years.

His list of acutely short items was not made public but he said, "these items are critical because they are absolutely essential in the conduct of any modern war.

Most of them have to be transported from the Eastern Hemisphere anywhere from 3,000 to 10,000 miles and we also have to assume as the basic concept that we will not have approximately two years time as we did in the last war."

Rear Admiral H. W. Paine, Board member, said, "At present the stockpiles actually contain only 16 percent by dollar values of the total objectives."—United Press.

CURRENCY REFORM IN SEPTEMBER?

Shanghai, June 17.

The afternoon newspaper, "China Times," which is close to Dr. H. H. Kung, claimed today in a Nanking despatch, quoting "authoritative sources," that "China's currency reform is scheduled for September this year."

The paper said a reserve fund for reform had been assured by an unmentioned source, presumably the United States, "outside of the $450,000,000 China aid fund."

The despatch said the Government will decide "shortly prior to enforcement" whether the new currency will be in silver coins or paper money.—United Press.

FACTORY INFLUX CONTINUING

Despite the Chinese Government's ban on removal of industrial plants from China, more factories are planning to transfer their equipment to the Colony.

The Foo Sin Tobacco Company, one of the biggest of its kind in China, is planning to set up a sister factory in Hong Kong, local industrial sources told the "China Mail" yesterday.

Comparatively lower labour costs and cheaper materials were said to be the reasons for the decision to operate in Hong Kong.

One of China's largest steel factories—the Tangshan Steel and Iron Foundry in North China—is planning removal to Hong Kong.

Two other steel mills in Shanghai, the Ta Hing Steel Company and the Wah Hsin Steel works are also making arrangements to move to the Colony.

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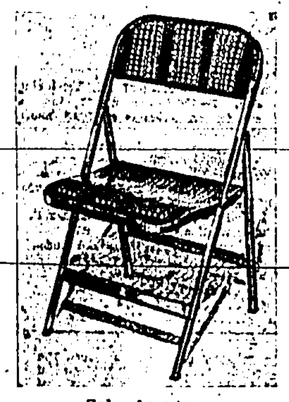

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CHINESE CHAMBER ELECTION: INJUNCTION ACTION FAILS

COURT REFUSES TO INTERFERE

"I hold that no case has been made out sufficient to constrain or entitle the Court to interfere in the affairs of the Chamber, and that the plaintiffs are not entitled to the declaration or injunction asked for."

In these words Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge) yesterday dismissed with costs the action brought by Mr. Lui Yam-suen and 6 other members of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, for an injunction to restrain the Chamber from electing members of the Committee and Supervising Committee in contravention of article 32 of the Articles of Association; and to restrain any person or persons so elected as members of such committee and supervising committee from acting in such capacity.

The case arose through the Chamber holding their annual general meeting on May 19 this year to elect a general committee and the supervisory committee, instead of on April 30 the latest date specified in clause 32 of the Chamber's new Articles of Association.

Anomalous Position

The background of the dispute was the refusal of the committee of the Chamber to admit some 3,000 new members sponsored by the plaintiffs before the annual election.

In his judgment Mr. Justice Gould said the Chamber had placed itself in an anomalous position following the adoption of the new Articles, and in connection with the present case counsel for the defence had pointed out out that clauses 11 and 32 were in conflict. By the former the annual general meeting is directed to be held at a time decided upon in the preceding general meeting and in default during July. Article 32 set the latest date as April 30. Obviously the two had to be reconciled.

In the present case, he said, the irregularity complained of was that the election was carried out at the wrong time. This being so, the irregularity was trivial and, as submitted by the counsel for the defence, did no damage to the plaintiffs, who would have been in no better a position and could not have challenged the election if it had taken place before the end of April. On the face of it, the election having been authorised by the requisite majority, it would seem equitable that the Court should refuse to interfere.

Inherent Right

The term of office of the committee is for two years, and if no election took place the Chamber would be without a committee. In this deadlock, which was never contemplated by the framers of the new articles, the Chamber was entitled to fall back upon its inherent right to elect a committee.

Upon the second submission on behalf of plaintiffs, that the Executive Committee and the Committee were not entitled to defer consideration of the new applications for membership until after the election, the Court ruled it was untenable, as there was no evidence of mala fide.

The application was dismissed with costs to defendants.

The case aroused considerable interest at its two-day hearing early this month, when a formidable array of legal talent was engaged on each side.

Plaintiffs were represented by Mr. H.G. Sheldon, K.C., Mr. B.A. Bernacchi and Mr. D.A.L. Wright, instructed by Mr. P.L. Lam.

The Chamber had for its chief protagonist the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, K.C.; assisted by Mr. A.J. Clifford, (instructed by the Chamber's legal adviser, Hon. Sir Man-kam Lo C.B.E.)

Members Quit

First reaction to the judicial decision on the dispute was the receipt by the Chamber yesterday afternoon of a letter from Mr P.L. Lam, solicitor for the plaintiffs, giving notice of withdrawal of some 1,000 new members whose applications had not yet been approved, and asking for the refund of membership and entrance fees paid, amounting to $30,000 odd. A meeting of the Executive Committee is being called to consider the request.

A meeting of the 20 election scrutineers is also called for tomorrow afternoon when possibly the result of the recent election will be announced.

TONIGHT'S CONCERT AT "Y"

The Hong Kong Light Orchestra is giving its second public concert at the European "Y" at 9 p.m. tonight.

Starting from some informal get-togethers, this group of music enthusiasts, led by Mr. H.V. Hardy, Inspector W. P. Apps, and Mesdames Pakrovsky and B. T. Yip, has grown until the present-day membership has topped the 20 mark.

The Light Orchestra started in a small way. When a small band of players had been gathered it was found that they had no place to practice. Madame Pakrovsky, the Orchestra's pianist, came to the rescue by placing her flat at 27B Robinson Road at the disposal of the artistes.

The company's enthusiasm was so infectious that they soon obtained the advice of Mr. F.J. Gray, Bandmaster of H.M.S. London, and the assistance of that naval band. The Army, not to be outdone, contributed musicians from the 2nd Batt. The Buffs and the Devonshire Regiments.

After ten weeks of hard practice, and despite the very limited repertoire at their command, the Orchestra made its debut at the European "Y" on April 24 when it had the honour of the attendance of H.E. The Governor and Lady Grantham and Major-General Erskine and Mrs. Erskine.

The amount raised at this performance enabled the founding of a Band Fund, and the placing of orders with firms at home for music. From tonight onwards, all sums raised by the Orchestra's public concerts will be donated to local charities.

The fare offered tonight should satisfy all lovers of light music. "Washington Post," a March by Souza, will be the curtain-raiser, while other items on the programme will include two Waltzes, "Unrequited Love" (P. Linke) and "The Blue Danube" (Strauss), four Indian Love Lyrics, a March Medley arranged by A. Winters, a characteristic piece "The Butterfly," three selections "Firefly" (R. Friml), the "Showboat" (Jerome Kern) and "Maid of the Mountains," and the Overture "Morning, Noon and Night."

NEW H.K. QUARANTINE ANCHORAGE

Beginning next month, Hong Kong will have two quarantine anchorages.

At present there is only one quarantine anchorage in the harbour—off Stonecutter's Island. This has been a source of considerable inconvenience to ships coming in through the Lyemun entrance of the harbour.

The new anchorage will be in Kowloon Bay.

BIRTH RATE

Births for the week ended on June 5 totalled 984 against 223 deaths in Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories, it is officially stated.

Majority of the births—637—were registered on the island. Kowloon claimed 297 and the New Territories, 50.

Hong Kong's deaths during the period under review numbered 100, Kowloon, 117, and the New Territories, 11.

Reminders

Today

Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Classical Music Recital, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
Concert of Popular Music by Sino-British Club Orchestra, European YMCA, West Lounge, 9 p.m.
Lecture on "Parallels in Chinese and British Social History" by Capt. A.J.E. Luff, at P.R.O. Building,—Statue Square, 5.45 p.m.
Yangtse Finance Co., Ltd., annual meeting at Woolock-Marden & Co. office, King's Bldg., 11 a.m.

Coming Events

SUNDAY
Classical Concert, Toc H Club, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Rd., 8.30 p.m.
Talk on "Radar" by R. Goudie, European YMCA (Armchair Group), West Lounge, 8.30 p.m.
Art Club sketching class, members assemble at Queen's Pier, 2 p.m.

MONDAY
King George V School Parents Association meeting, talk on "Interior Decoration," at European YMCA, 3.15 p.m.

DEATHS OF FORMER RESIDENTS

News of the sudden death at Radyr, Cardiff, on May 30, of Frederick Arthur Perry, for many years connected with the B.A.T. in Hong Kong, came yesterday as a deep shock to his many local friends. He died after a short illness.

Fred Perry joined the B.A.T. in England in 1907 and first came to Hong Kong in 1908.

A pioneer of the early days of the tobacco trade in China, he was stationed at various times at Amoy, Swatow, Foochow and Canton, returning to Hong Kong in 1914. He became acting Manager in 1918 and held the post of Manager until 1929, when he was transferred to North China.

After his retirement in the early 30's he returned to England and in recent years was Secretary of the Radyr Golf Club, near Cardiff.

Old Hong Kong residents will remember him as a keen golfer and a popular member of the community. He served on the Committee of the Hong Kong Club, the Golf Club and also the Chamber of Commerce. To his many Chinese friends he was affectionately known as "Pei Suk" (Uncle Perry).

He is survived by his widow and daughter, June. During the War, Mr. and Mrs. Perry lost their only son, Billy, who was killed in action.

Mrs. McPherson

News has been received in the Colony of the death of Mrs. Gertrude McPherson, wife of the late Mr. John Livingston McPherson, at Tunbridge Wells, Kent, on Feb. 23 last.

Mrs. McPherson left Hong Kong in 1938 on account of ill-health. She was known for her quiet, pleasant disposition and gained many friends during her stay in the Colony.

Mr. McPherson, who died some months back, was a founder of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and for many years its Secretary-General. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the European Y.M.C.A.

Personalia

Mr. Christian Henry Terence Van Meurs, manager, Hong Kong Club, and Miss Jean Margaret Prendergast, secretary, 8 Austin Avenue, Kowloon, were married before the Registrar of Marriages yesterday.

Witnesses were Mrs. J.A. Prendergast and Mr. Roy B. Hamilton.

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The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—

Mr. Walter Ladd Briggs, correspondent, Gloucester Hotel, and Miss Margaret Liang, teacher, of the same address.

Mr. Jose Hippolipo, principal warder of Victoria Remand Prison, and Miss Cheng Siu-yan.

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Peninsula Hotel arrivals:— Mr. and Mrs. G.R.B. Pattison, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Crichton, W.R. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. R.K. Butler A. McLeod, C.C. Bruce and S.D. Rudge.

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Peninsula departures:— Mr. and Mrs. F.D. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. H. Corra, Mr. and Mrs. S.U. Lines, S. Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Carlson.

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Dr. J.H. McElney was among the passengers who arrived from England by BOAC "Speedbird" flying-boat on Wednesday. Others from Southampton were Lt-Gen. Robertson and Mr. R. Nourafshan (for Iwakuni), Messrs M.H. Curtis, R.H. Johnson, A. McLeod, W.R. Penhaligon, C.C. Bruce, S.D. Rudge and A. Shalicross.

The agent for the British Embassy in China announces that letters for the following may be claimed at Room 103, Peninsula Hotel: Mrs. R.J. Crockam, Arthur James Evans, F.E. Forman, Kenneth L. Kerk, Lim Seng Pek and George A. Shaheen.

JAPAN SHAKEN BY QUAKES

Tokyo, June 17.

A sharp earthquake shook two of Japan's home islands last night and sent some persons in the coastal areas fleeing to the hills as police spread a false warning of a tidal wave.

The tremors extended from the island of Shikoku to Northern Honshu.

At Kimoto town and Udono village, on Tokyo bay, chagrined police discovered that what they though was a tidal wave was the shining sea on a bright night. Residents stayed on high ground for several hours.

The quake shook buildings in Tokyo as it started at 1147 GMT. No one was reported injured in any area but two rickety houses were said to have collapsed in an isolated area.

The Central Meteorological Observatory here said the quake was recorded on its instruments for 15 minutes. However, the Osaka Meteorological Observatory put the duration at 40 minutes, but not felt after the first tremor.

The epicentre was off Tomita River, south of Tanabe in Wakayama Prefecture, where the shocks were moderate. The Central Observatory said it was one of the "follow quakes" of the disastrous December 1946 Wakayama quake.

At Wakayama, objects fell off shelves and residents rushed out of doors. No damage was reported.

Osaka was so badly shaken they thought the quake was worse than that of 1946.

At Okawama, townspeople jumped outside and the power station was shut off.

At Matsuyama, clocks stopped as they did at Kyoto.—Associated Press.

ART CLUB'S CLASS

A sketching class, sponsored by the Art Club, will be held on Sunday (weather permitting) off Sassoon Road near the Queen Mary Hospital.

Club members will assemble at 2 p.m. at Queen's Pier where conveyance will be available.

WAR CRIME VERDICT ON MONDAY

The No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court, trying Admiral Tahara Suzumu and 16 of his associates on charges of ill-treating 500 Allied POWs and causing the death of 150 prisoners on Hainan Island between 1942 and 1945, was adjourned to Monday at 9.30 a.m. when it will deliver its verdict.

Throughout yesterday's session, the Judge Advocate, Lieut-Colonel J.T. Brock, gave his summing up address.

The accused, including lieutenant-commanders, captains, lieutenants, CPOs and a civilian guard, are represented by two barristers-at-law, who came here from Japan specially for the trial. Prosecuting is Major Grant McIntyre, Australian Div., SCAP (GHQ) Tokyo.

ART EXHIBIT

Works of several well-known Chinese artists will be displayed at the St. Francis Hotel on June 19, 20 and 21. Proceeds of sales will go to the South China College Fund.

Among the exhibitions are Hong Kong landscapes. Prices range from $100 to $1,000. "Fish", one of the works of Kou Tak-seng, sells at $1,000.

The artists include Wang Chi, Kou Tak-seng, Fang Chin, Seng Tzi-chen, Chun Yu-tin, Wu Affang, Wong Hsin-po and Lok Wu-yai.

SATELLITES DODGING EXPORT CONTROLS

Washington, June 17.

The United States Commerce Department suspects that some Russian satellite countries are evading United States export controls by dealing through other nations.

The disclosure was made today before the House Appropriations Committee by Lawrence Kegan of the Commerce Department, who said that steps may soon be taken.

At the same time, Thomas Blaisdell, acting assistant Secretary of Commerce, said that shipments of United States goods to "Iron Curtain" countries since March 1 totalled $13,000,000, most of which were consumer products.

The Secretary of Commerce, Charles Sawyer, opposed an embargo on exports to Russia because the move might drive the Soviets to retaliate by cutting off United States imports of critical chrome and manganese.

He said the selective use of export controls is the best way to see that Russia does not get potential war materials.—United Press.

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Kowloon Practice Out Of Favour With Court

The practice of hotel, restaurant, ballroom, and bar, officials giving "written orders" to public car drivers to wait outside their establishments to pick up their patrons was criticised by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

"All these places are beginning to give these letters out and I absolutely refuse to accept them. Public cars cannot stand around such places as the Kowloon Hotel and the Red Lion Inn. It is not allowed," said the Magistrate.

Mr. Latimer further recommended to Traffic Sub-Inspector Donald Brown that the Traffic Office should get in touch with the managers of hotels, restaurants, ballrooms, and bars, and inform them that the practice of giving out "written orders" must stop.

Not Necessary

There is no real necessity for public hire cars to hang around those places, continued the Magistrate, as it would not take a minute to get a car should one be required.

Lam Kai-hing, driver of public car 4715, and Ho Sheung, driver of public hire car 4475, were both discharged with a caution on the respective summonses of soliciting passengers at Tsimtsatsui, and stopping for seven minutes outside the Red Lion Inn.

First defendant produced a letter from the Kowloon Hotel, and the second from the Red Lion Inn. He further claimed that he was asked by a fare to wait for 20 minutes.

The Magistrate warned Cheung Fat, driver of taxi 4062, that "we expect taxi drivers in this town to obey all the signals that a Traffic Constable gives", when Cheung was summoned for failing to promptly obey a traffic signal given by TPC 3044.

Defendant's Story

Defendant claimed that when the constable, who was looking the other way prior to giving the signal, saw a motor-cycle wanting to turn into Canton Rd. from Salisbury Road, he "suddenly put out his hand" to stop the stream of traffic proceeding up Salisbury Road from the Star Ferry. He was abreast of the constable when the signal was given, said defendant, and decided to drive on.

The constable, in evidence, declared that he was facing Canton Road and signalled the defendant to stop when he saw another vehicle signalling its intention to turn. Defendant was not following any other car, declared witness.

Cheung was discharged with a caution.

Kowloon Police Changes

Det.-Inspector J. M. Forrest, former Officer-in-Charge of Yaumati C.I.D., has been appointed Acting Chief Detective Inspector, substituting for Chief Det.-Inspector W. W. Williamson who is on leave.

Det. Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes has taken over control of the Yaumati C.I.D., and his post at Mong Kok has been filled by Det. Sub-Inspector Leslie. (Prior to going on Home leave last year, DSI Leslie was attached to the Kowloon City C.I.D. On his return recently he was posted to the Hong Kong Traffic Department and, in May, to Wanchai.)

When DSI H. T. Matches goes on leave during the latter part of this month, DSI Waldron (attached to Ping Shan Police Station at the time of the Lau Fau Shan pirates hunt) will take over at the Kowloon City C.I.D. At present, DSI Waldron is at Shamshuipo, substituting for DSI D. S. Roberts.

Det. Sub-Inspector V. J. MacDonald, formerly with Yaumati and who has been a patient at the Queen Mary Hospital for quite some time, is now convalescing at the Hospital.

Inspector Jock Orem, lawn bowler and Police prosecutor at Kowloon, has been discharged from the Kowloon Hospital (after over a week's stay suffering from a septic foot) and resumed duties at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. During his absence, Sub-Inspector W. Apps (a keen musician and conductor of the Hong Kong Light Orchestra) discharged the duties of First Court Inspector.

Sub-Inspector S. H. Dowman (brother of Det.-Inspector "Chris" Dowman) is now at Shatin, taking over the post of Officer-in-Charge from SI Grigg who has gone on Home leave. SI Dowman returned to the Colony about three months ago with his bride and was, until the latter part of last month, stationed at Lok Ma Chau, New Territories.

Theft Of A Jack

Luk Tak (39), unemployed, saw a motor-car jack lying outside 62 Sai Yeung Choi Street, ground floor, not far from where Yu Man-chung (26) was doing some work.

He helped himself to the jack but was seen, and chased, by Yu. Detective 605, passing by, joined in the chase and arrested Luk.

Appearing before Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of larceny, Luk was fined $100, or two months' hard labour. SI Howarth prosecuted.

Patience Rewarded

Detective 601 of the Water Police proved to his own satisfaction that "everything comes to him who waits" as, after a patient wait of nearly two and a half hours, Siu Fuk (42), coolie, went back to the spot where the detective first saw him.

The story, as told to Mr. W. H. Latimer by Det. Sub-Inspector Nicol at Kowloon yesterday, was that at 3.20 a.m. on June 16 the detective was on boat patrol at the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter when he saw defendant's sampan pass by. He called to accused to stop, but intend of heeding the order defendant continued on his way and, weaving in and out of the boats moored there, eluded the Police officer.

Detective 601 waited and, at 5.45 a.m., again saw accused's boat. This time he managed to draw alongside the craft with the intention of questioning Siu. Accused, jumped into the water but was hauled out.

On board the sampan Siu could not give a satisfactory reply as to what he was doing there at that early hour or as to how he came into possession of the sampan. Neither could he explain away the two bamboo poles, each with a nail in the end, found on board.

He was brought to the Police Station. Next day, Chau Sau-king (42) widow and owner of boat 2981, reported to the Police the loss of a sampan and identified the one Siu was in as her property.

Pleading guilty to the charges of larceny of the sampan, loitering with intent, and possession of instruments fit for an unlawful purpose, Siu was sentenced to a total of nine months' hard labour to be followed by two years Police supervision.

He had three previous convictions for larceny, loitering with intent, and unlawful possession.

Swigged Vermouth In Hurry

Last Wednesday, Inspector J. Orem reminded the Court, was "one of those very hot days" which doubtless accounted for 38-year-old coolie Wong Ming's great thirst.

Wong stood in the dock before Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday and pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny of a bottle of vermouth.

Tendering an empty vermouth bottle as an exhibit, Inspector Orem said that defendant was seen at 11.15 a.m. on June 16 by Tallyman Ching Kai-kwong in the No. 2 Godown of Holt's Wharf, holding the bottle to his mouth.

On seeing the tallyman, defendant "polished off" the contents of the bottle and put the container down. He was arrested by Ching and taken to the Water Police Station.

Defendant, who was discharged with a caution on Aug. 6 last on the count of mendicancy, was ordered to be sent back to his native county of Ching Yuen.

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NEW PREMIER DRAWING UP REFORM BLUEPRINT

KEYNOTE U.S. AID PROGRAMME

Shanghai, June 16.

Blueprints for urgently needed economic and military reforms are being drawn up by Premier Wong Wen-hao and his ministers as China's first constitutional Cabinet, formed in May, settles down to tackle two problems which have defied a solution by two previous cabinets—stabilising the national economy and restoring peace to a war-weary people.

The keystone of both blueprints, it is reported, will be the United States China Aid Programme, the implementation of which is in the hands of a special United States organisation headed by Mr. Roger D. Lapham, former Mayor of San Francisco.

Present efforts are in line with the three immediate objectives set by Dr. Wong, who is a member of the liberal "Political Science" clique of the Kuomintang, before his Kuomintang-dominated Cabinet took office:

1.—Improvement of the economic situation, the chaotic state of which has long been recognised as a major handicap to the effective prosecution of the Communist suppression campaign;

2—Military reforms, with emphasis on the bettering of the lot of officers and men;

3—Effective utilisation of the United States aid, so that the greatest number of people may be benefitted.

South China

Economically, it is learned, the Government will pursue a double-barrel policy of increasing income and cutting down expenditure by instituting more taxes and streamlining Government departments.

In this field, the Cabinet will also encourage the development of natural resources in South China to make up for for the loss of supplies from war-ridden North China and Manchuria, increased agricultural protection by the use of improved seeds and fertilisers, and extension of the land reforms.

Militarily, it is hoped to provide troops on the various civil war fronts with adequate supplies of food and armaments.

It is understood that while General Ho Ying-chin, new Minister of National Defence, has been given an almost free hand in revamping the Nationalist military organisation, the Cabinet's foremost economic experts—Dr. Wong, Vice-Premier Ku Meng-yu and Finance Minister Wong Yun-wei—will pool their brains in an effort to restore some semblance of order in the confused and complex economic and financial situation.

Policy Change

They will have the experienced advice of Dr. O. K. Yui, Governor of the Central Bank and former Finance Minister, in their onerous task, which is rumoured to include the introduction of a silver-based currency.

Dr. Yui has already made one significant change in the policy of the bank since his assumption of the Governorship. He has discontinued the bank's previous practice of acting independently of the Ministry of Finance and the Executive Yuan and returned the power of initiative to the Yuan so that, in financial and economic matters, it could really be a responsible Cabinet.

Dr. Wong, realising that the nation is eagerly awaiting reforms, has counselled patience.—Reuter.

Y's Men Look For Home

A suggestion by Mr. Ho Shuique, District Governor of the Y's Men's Club, Hong Kong, for the procurement of a clubhouse formed the subject of a free discussion at the weekly luncheon of the Club at Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday.

The question was enlightened by Mr. Stanley Chan, General Secretary of the Club, who said that plans had been made to secure a new site for the Chinese YMCA, which would offer a suitable place for the Y's Men's Club to meet.

Mr. Chan declared that the National Committee, Shanghai, of the YMCA had been approached regarding the matter and he hoped that results would materialize in the near future.

He mentioned that Dr. Eugene Barnett, Secretary of the North American YMCA, visited the colony last year in October and that he had suggested a new site for the local institution. The present building was not conveniently accessible, Mr. Chan said, and a central location would be the ideal spot.

If the North American "Y" would undertake to donate half the cost of building the new site, the local organ should devise ways and means to procure the balance, Mr. Chan asserted.

At yesterday's meeting, Mr. Lin Huan-ping, principal of the South China College, Hong Kong, was formally introduced by Prof. K.P. Chan of the Hong Kong University. Mr. Lan welcomed the guest.

Banishee's Plea

Charged with picking the pocket of a passer-by Hui Choi, 19, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to four months' imprisonment and banishment, at Central yesterday.

On hearing the charge of banishment, Hui told the magistrate that on a previous charge of loitering he was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and recommended for banishment, but owing to his being Hong Kong born the banishment order was waived.

"Very well," said Mr. d'Almada, "you will go to gaol for six months, to be followed by banishment."

GODOWN FOREMAN VICTIMISED

An armed robbery by three armed men took place at No. 224 Temple Street, first floor, Yaumati, at about 8.15 p.m. yesterday.

The premises are occupied by Ling Fai, foreman of the Kowloon Godowns, and property valued at $1,200 consisting of two gold bangles, two gold necklaces, $500 (Hong Kong currency) and 100 Pesos was stolen.

FORGERY CHARGE

Committal proceedings were commenced before Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday when Sheik Charin Abbas, 23, unemployed, was charged with uttering a forged document on the Mercantile Bank of India on May 29, the signature of which purported to be that of the Manager of the China Company of 148 Des Voeux Road Central.

D.S.I. Woodhend is prosecuting. The defendant is not legally represented.

The first witness, Mr. Castilho, ledger clerk of the Mercantile Bank of India, said that he received a letter from the China Company requesting a book of 50 cheques, the cost to be debited to the manager's personal account.

Mr. Otto James Kerr, Assistant Accountant of the Mercantile Bank, stated that he saw the letter and having some doubts regarding the application, he telephoned the China Co. and spoke to Mr. Lamb from whom he received certain information, as a result of this the police were informed.

Mr. Mitharappapillai Piramanayagam, manager of the China Company, informed the court that defendant was employed in his office prior to April this year as a sample clerk and was discharged because there was no work for him to do.

On defendant's discharge he was given a reference.

Witness was shown three cheques drawn on the Netherlands Trading Society for $250, $3,675, and $1,850 which he claimed were forgeries. Three letters were also shown to the witness who, also said they were forgeries.

After further evidence was given hearing was adjourned until 2.30 p.m. today.

Persistent Widow Sentenced

With three previous convictions for loitering in the Wanchai area, Wan Chan 38-year-old widow, appeared at Central yesterday on a charge of breach of a deportation order.

She admitted that she was banished from the Colony for ten years because of her persistence in going on the streets to earn her living.

Defendant said that she came back to Hong Kong to fetch her daughter who was at present in the Po Leung Kuk. Wan was told that her child would be looked after until she had completed a six months prison sentence imposed on her by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, and she would then be banished back to Canton and allowed to take her child with her.

Three other returned banishees who had been expelled from the Colony for life and caught in Hong Kong were each sentenced to one year's hard labour and to be rebanished at the end of their terms.

EDITOR CAUTIONED

Yong Pong-fuk, medical practitioner of China Building, was summoned before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday for counselling and procuring the Sing Tao Yat Po to publish on November 18 matter of an indecent nature.

Also summoned were Sam Chung-fong, editor, Lam Oi-man, manager and the Sing Tao Yat Po with publishing a matter of an indecent nature contrary to common law.

Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, K.C. represented all defendants while D.S.I. Moore was for the prosecution.

Mr. d'Almada entered a plea of guilty for the editor, manager and the newspaper concerned but a plea of not guilty for Yong.

Chan Kwan-po, lecturer of the Hong Kong University, said he had read the article and that it was the kind of letter that would appear in the Chinese press and it did not surprise him.

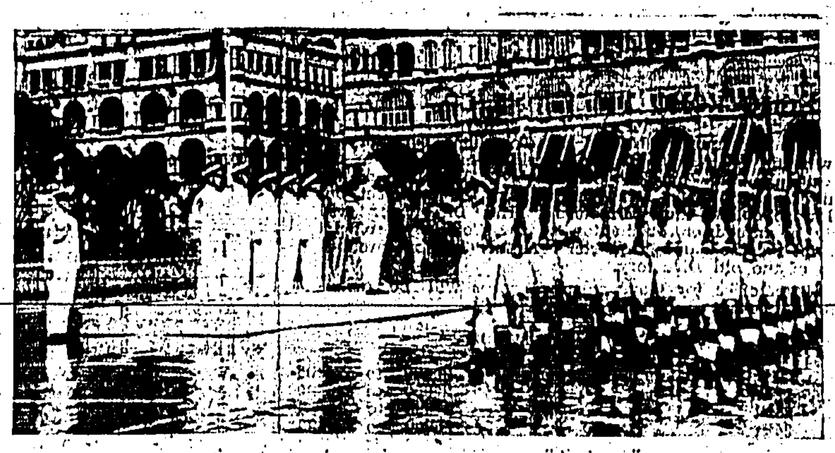
Mr. d'Almada submitted that his client Yong had no case to answer. The magistrate agreed, and ordered his discharge.

The other three defendants, the editor, manager and the Sing Tao Yat Po, were cautioned.

EUROPEAN IN ACCIDENT

Travelling from West to East along Queen's Road East at 9.30 p.m. yesterday, Mr. D.C. Marshall's motor cycle collided with a Chinese woman who dashed across the street.

The woman, suffering from concussion of the brain, was removed to Queen Mary Hospital and was reported to be in a serious condition.



THE Royal Navy contingent marching past His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, at yesterday's parade in celebration of the King's Birthday—held a week late owing to the heavy downpour last Thursday. ("China Mail" photo).

BIRTHDAY PARADE HELD IN A STEADY DOWNPOUR

The King's Birthday Parade, postponed a week ago because of bad weather, took place yesterday morning in a continuous downpour of rain.

A total of 800 men, representing the Combined Services and Police in the Colony, marched over two miles from the junction of Stubbs Road and Gap Road to the centre of the town, and Connaught Road. Detachments of the Royal Navy (totalling 300 men), the Royal Marines (100), the Buffs (100), Inniskilling Fusiliers (100), R.A.F. (50), Ghurkas (50) and Hong Kong Police (50), assembled at the starting point at 8.30 a.m.

The march-off began three quarters of an hour later, and following the route through Wanchai to Queen's Road Central and Pedder Street, they reached the Cenotaph Saluting Base at 10.25.

Steady Rain

The march past the Saluting Base had been scheduled for 10.15, and the Governor and waiting senior officers sheltered the intervening ten minutes under the verandah of the Hong Kong Club. Wearing ceremonial dress, Sir Alexander Grantham, followed by his A.D.C. Capt. Wilson, walked across to the stand before the Cenotaph, together with Admiral Sir D. W. Boyd, the new G.O.C., Major-General F.R.G. Matthews, Air Commodore, S.N. Webster, Air Officer Commanding, Commodore C.L. Robertson, Commissioner of Police D. W. MacIntosh and Asst. Commissioner W. La Bart Sparrow. They took their places behind the Governor on the Stand and waited in the steady hail of rain until a few minutes later the first detachment of the procession swung round the corner of Pedder street towards them.

The Parade marched smartly past the Base, while Sir Alexander Grantham took the Salute and the accompanying officers stood to attention. Only the huge Union Jack at the top of the Saluting Base Flagpole did not respond to the ceremony of the occasion, and during a momentary lull of the wind, drooped in the rain.

Traffic Normal

A slight diversion was caused as the second detachment reached the Governor's stand when a fire engine careened along Chater Road with siren wailing. But only a few bedraggled members of the public standing under the porches of the Supreme Court building turned their heads from the line of marching men as the vehicle hurtled round the corner towards Queen's Road.

Owing to the rain, the public in mass had not assembled in the usual manner in Statue Square, and the main spectators were a number of friends and wives of senior officials who watched from the first floor windows of the Hong Kong Club. They must have been favourably impressed with the parading men who even though their two-mile march had taken place for the most part against driving rain, managed to present an impressive military procession.

Also, despite the forebodings voiced by the public and in the local press concerning disorganisation of traffic in the centre of the town, the close liaison between the military and civil police ensured that traffic was running normally by 10.55.

Rubber Profits

At the Annual meeting of the Rubber Trust Limited held yesterday at Marina House it was shown that the working profit for the year was $94,277.00 for an output of 2,045,894 lbs.

The chairman's statement mentioned that the estimated output for the next financial year is 3,730,000 lbs. with the result that cost should show a decrease provided there is no increase in wages.

Present at the meeting were Mr. W.A. Welch (Chairman), Mr. L. Kadoorie (Director) and Mr. W.S. Royson (representing the Secretaries and General Managers, Messrs. J.A. Wattie and Co. Ltd.)

Messrs. H. Kadoorie and A.E. Fenton were elected directors of the Company and Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors for the coming year.

Brotherly Love

Ng Man-tong (36) carpenter and his brother, Ng Ying-chau, lived together at 362 Prince Edward Road, ground floor, but were continually having squabbles.

On the evening of June 16, Ying-chau called at the Kowloon City Police Station and asked the Police to warn his brother against quarrelling. Det. 199 was sent to bring Man-tong in.

As soon as Man-tong saw his brother in the Charge Room he went up to him, scolded him for reporting to the Police, and gave him a hearty slap across the face. He was stopped from further attacking his brother by the detective.

Charged before Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with assault, defendant was cautioned.

Tobacco Fraud

In trying to defraud the Hong Kong revenue of $120 in duty on 60 lbs. of Chinese tobacco, Chu Kam-wah, 32-year-old travelling trader of 34 Tai Nam Street, ground floor, not only lost his tobacco but $400 as well when he appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Prosecuting, Sub-Inspector J.S. Howarth said that defendant was arrested by PC 1076 at 8.10 p.m. on June 16 at Boundary Street, near Embankment Road, in possession of the tobacco.

A remand of one week in gaol custody was ordered by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday when Leung Oi, 34, married woman, appeared on a charge of attempted murder of Fung Fung-yee alias Fung Nui on June 15.

Solicitor Defends His Own Driver

Mr. M.A. da Silva, Solicitor, appeared in defence of his own car driver at Central yesterday before Mr. Hin-shing Lo.

Chu Sik Chung, 27, was charged with failing to drive on the left side of the road; failing to produce his driving licence and obstructing a police officer in the execution of his duty.

He pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Inspector Lam Chun Kau, complainant, said he saw defendant, driving a private car, come from Fenwick Street, on the wrong side of the road, into Gloucester Road.

Lam stopped him and asked him for his licence, telling him he was going to summons him. Defendant replied that he was not driving on the wrong side of the road and was not going at a fast speed.

A police car arrived on the scene and Cpl. 123 was told to accompany Chu to the Police Station.

Cross examining witness, Mr. Silva asked how long the conversation had lasted from the time he first spoke to accused to the time the police van appeared. Witness said he thought it was between 18 and 20 minutes. Mr. Silva then said that he was going to call evidence to prove that it was only a matter of five minutes and that witness told a pack of lies.

The case was then adjourned until July 27.

MENACES CHARGE WITHDRAWN

Having been instructed to offer no evidence against Shek Hong Sau, 25, unemployed and Wong Kam Fai, 34, unemployed, Inspector G. Willerton withdrew a conspiracy charge at Central yesterday before Mr. Hin-shing Lo.

The men had previously been charged with conspiring together with others not in custody to demand, HK$50,000 currency, with menaces from Lee Hung, a merchant.

The charge was withdrawn and the men discharged.

Obituary

The remains of the late Mrs. Sinilinda Lopes, the wife of Mr. Delano F. Lopes, will be interred today at the Catholic Cemetry.

Mrs. Lopes died at home yesterday morning. She is survived by her husband, four sons, and three daughters.

Among those who accompanied the cortege to the Cemetery Chapel, where it awaits burial service were: The Hon. Leo d'Almada e Castro, Mr. F.X. d'Almada e Castro, Mr. H.A. de Barros Botelho, Dr. A.M. Guterres, Mr. F.X. Soares, Mr. L.J. Silva, Mr. B. Remedios, Mr. Colin Logan, the Rev. Sister Marguerite (niece), Mr. E.M.H. Castro, Mr. R.E. Castro, Miss Lillian Castro, Mr. L.J. Castro, Mr. J.A. Alves, Mr. H.A. Barros, Mr. A.V. Gosano, Mr. B. Gosano, Mr. L.A. da Costa, Mr. O.E. Marques, Mr. G.A. Gonsalves, Mr. M. Oliveira, Mr. A. Pinna, Mr. O.P. Remedios, Mr. A. da Rosa, Mr. L. Xavier, Members of the Portuguese Staff of the Hong Kong Bank, teachers and pupils of the Bellilios Public Girls' School, and many others.

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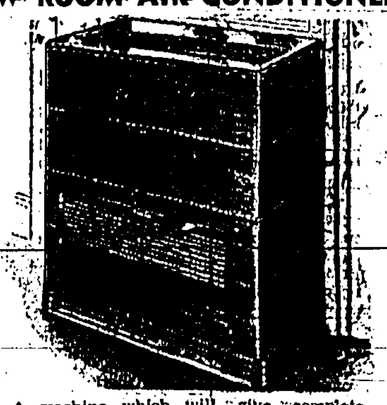

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Director of Public Works.
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Owners of an unlicensed fishing vessel found at Cheung Sha Wan on the 13th April, 1948, and now lying at the Government Slipway at Yaumati, Kowloon, are hereby notified that if after 7 days the vessel is unclaimed, it will be sold to defray expenses.

Particulars:—

Length — 21' 3"
Breadth — 8' 2"
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J. JOLLY,
Director of Marine.

Marine Department,
Hong Kong, 14th June, 1948.

NOTICE

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The midsummer issue of the Telephone Directory is now ready for distribution. Subscribers are therefore requested to call at the Company's Offices, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, on the days set out below to collect their Directories. The Directories will only be issued on production of the Company's official receipt for the current quarter's rentals and on production of the old Directory.

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S. GROVE,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 15th day of July 1948. All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 17th day of June 1948.

WILKINSON & GRIST,

Solicitors for the Administrator of the estate of the abovenamed deceased,

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NATURALIZATION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Hannes Gerhart Amann of the University, Hong Kong, is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

MEMBERS SPORTS CLUB

Reminder

Extraordinary General Meeting Friday, June 18th at 5.30 p.m. (Notice Dated 21st May, 1948.)

Sgd. J. C. M. GRENHAM
Hon. Secretary.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the One Hundred and Twenty fourth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 23rd June, 1948, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and Re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 10th June, 1948, to Wednesday, 23rd June, 1948, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

H. DA LUZ,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 7th June, 1948.

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Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twentyfirst Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Mezzanine Floor, Windsor House, Hong Kong, on Wednesday 30th June, 1948, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G. MILNE
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th June, 1948.

TRUMAN THROWS SOME BRICKBATS

Independence Mo., June 16.

President Truman, after pleading across Kansas that American foreign policy be kept out of the 1948 political campaign, stopped off at home for a quiet rest before returning to the political wars.

Mr Truman arrived in Kansas City and avoided any sort of major local appearance by driving immediately to his home here.

This is the first time President Truman has visited Independence since the death of his mother last summer.

The President, accompanied by his wife and daughter, put in a hard day in Kansas, where he made four platform speeches at Dodge City, Hutchinson, Newton and Emporia.

He threw brickbats, not only at Congress and the "special interest boys," but also at "certain pebple" in the newspaper and radio business.

At Newton, and again at Emporia, Mr. Truman earnestly requested that American foreign policy be kept out of the forthcoming political campaigns.

"Thank God the foreign policy of the United States has not got into this brawl, because it shouldn't," he said at Newton. And at Emporia he said, "It must not."—United Press.

Shanghai Fire Menace Checked

Shanghai, June 17.

Efficient city fire fighters today averted a serious downtown gasoline fire which could have endangered the building housing the United Press, Associated Press and Reuters at 9 a.m.

The fire broke out behind a gasoline filling station in front of which a long queue of trucks and cars was lined up waiting for their turn. Black smoke from exploding oil drums soon sent up mushrooms of black smoke and flames and for a time threatened the neighbouring big warehouse as well as the building housing the news agencies.

Firefighters arrived within seconds and put out the blaze with the aid of chemical extinguishers.

All trucks and cars waiting for gas disappeared in a mad rush for safety—some having not a single drop left had to be pushed away.—United Press.

FUNDS FOR WHAMPOA

Canton, June 17.

Funds from the United States Aid to China will be used in the development of Whampoa, the port of Canton, where it is planned to construct shipyards, an airfield, railway stations, an electric plant, godowns and other facilities.

Mr. Tao Shu-tsang, Director of the Canton Harbour Works, according to one report, has gone to Nanking to negotiate with Mr. Roger Lapham, United States Aid Director.

This report added that Government organisations in South China have invested some CN$500,000 million in Whampoa construction schemes.—Reuter.

HUGE DEFICIT

Rome, June 17.

A 1948—1949 budget-forecasting a deficit of about 382,413,000,000 lire was submitted to the Italian Chamber of Deputies today by Giuseppe Pella, Minister of the Treasury and interim Budget Minister.—Associated Press.

R.H.K.Y.C. PIRATES' BALL.

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"Mr. Ginger" Due Back

Hong Kong's Mr. "Ginger" (U Tat Chee) and five other co-members of the Colony's Industrial Delegation to the recent British Industries Fair at London, are due to arrive back tomorrow from Singapore.

The Delegation stopped over at Singapore on their way back to survey the markets there.

The Chinese Manufacturers Union has prepared a programme to welcome and entertain the Delegation on Saturday night, provided the plane arrives on time.

Trespassers Ordered Out

Four trespassers on a lot of Crown land at Laichikok Road, Kowloon, were ordered to have their matsheds and goods removed from the site within 10 days, and for possession of the land to be returned to Mr. Henry Stewart of No. 229, Nathan Road Kowloon, the Crown permittee.

The order was made by Mr. Justice E.H. Williams in the Supreme Court yesterday on the application of Mr. Stewart whose counsel, Mr. Charles Loseby, instructed by Mr. E.S.C. Brook, said the trespassers, who were not in Court, occupied the land without the permission of his client.

The lot is used for the storage of timber, and held on half-yearly permit from Government.

HKVDC ORDERS

Orders by Colonel L.T. Ride, C.B.E., E.D., Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. Order No. 18/48, dated June 16, 1948:

OBITUARY: The Commandant regrets to announce the death on June 10, 1948 of 3328 Sgt. W.H.B. Muskett, H.K.V.D.C.

HONOURS AND AWARDS: The following extracts from Hong Kong Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 29 dated June 10, 1948 are published:—"No. 551. His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following appointment in the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Military Division):—To be an ordinary member of the Fourth Class or Officer:—Lieutenant-Colonel Harry Owen-Hughes, E.D., H.K.V.D.C., June 10, 1948." No. 553. His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following appointment in the most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Military Division):—To be an ordinary member of the Fifth Class or Member:—Captain Alberto Maria Rodrigues, H.K.V.D.C., June 10, 1948."

WAR SALARIES: Applications from personnel who consider themselves as qualified under the terms of the announcement on the award of ex-gratia grants to H.K.V.D.C. published in the British and Chinese newspapers on Sunday, June 13 and Monday, June 14 will submit their claims to the Adjutant.

"Q" COURSE: Course for B.Q.M.S. and C.Q.M.S., Tuesday, June 22, 1948 in the lecture room at Corps H.Q. at 5.45 p.m.

PART 2 ORDERS. Order No. 20/48:

Strength-Increase. 6002 Spr. Howarth, Frank, posted to Field Coy. Engineers w.e.f. 9.6.48; 6003 Pte. Cottam, Robert Percival, posted to Armoured Car Pl. w.e.f. 15.6.48.

(Sgd.) J. WESTON, Captain,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

BISHOP HERO OF PW CAMPS

London, June 16.

While war raged in the Far East, a Japanese Bishop defied all attempts to persuade him to join a newly-founded State Church; he persisted in practising as Anglican Bishop.

Under armed police guards, he ministered to British and American civilian internees and to troops held in Japan's prisoner of war camps. Armed guards stood by as he celebrated Holy Communion.

His name is Bishop Michael Yinsuke Yashiro, of Kobe, and he is now in England to attend the Lambeth Conference which opens next month.

The expenses of his visit have been paid partly from a fund raised by Australian and New Zealand troops of the post-war occupation force whose affection and respect he quickly won and partly from a special fund raised at confirmation services held by the Bishop after the war.

When the question of Bishop Yashiro attending the conference was raised it was insisted that his expenses be paid but the prospect of the visit was kept secret from him.

Bishop Yashiro brought with him a message for the King and Queen from Hirohito with whom he had an interview before leaving Japan.

The Bishop is at present staying at a Monastery at Mirfield, Yorkshire, where he was a student about thirty years ago.

AMBULANCE ORDERS

Orders by Comm. A. el Arculli, Commissioner St. J.A.B., June 18:

PARADES:

PARADES: Hong Kong—5th Nam Div. 5th Nam College Sat. June 19 7.30 p.m.: Shaukiwan Div. Taikoo Chinese School Sat. June 19 8 p.m. Kowloon—No. 2 Corps Kowloon, Home Nursing Class Thurs. 24th T.S.T Health Centre 8 p.m.: No. 1 Corps Kowloon, Home Nursing Class Fri. 25th, First Aid Class Tues. 22nd T.S.T. Health Centre 8 p.m.: K.Y.M.C.A. Practice Parade, Yaumati Govt. School Sun. 20th 10 a.m. Dress:—Uniform.

AMBULANCE DUTIES: Hong Kong—June 19 to June 25 Chung Sing Division: June 26 to July 2 Eastern Division. Kowloon—June 21 to June 27 Shamshuipo Division: June 28 to July 3 Kowloon Division.

AWARDS: By authority of the Chapter General the following have been awarded the Service Medal and/or Bars of the Order of St. John:—Corps Supt. Wong Kam Chung, 1st Bar 1937, 2nd Bar 1942: Corps Supt. Tse Long Chiu, 1st Bar 1941, 2nd Bar 1946, Dr. Ma Wai Man, 1st Bar 1946. Dr. Yip Tai Ching, 1st Bar 1944: Div. Supt. Ho Kang Po, 1st Bar 1942: A/O. Cheung Yan Sung, 1st Bar 1942: A/O. Leung Yiu Man, 1st Bar 1943: Sgt. Tsang Po Kai, 1st Bar 1943: Sgt. Leung Kam To, Service Medal 1943: Cpl. Cheng Hin Cheung, Service Medal 1941: Cpl. Liu Kwing Chung, Service Medal 1943: L/C. Leung Lam Kwong, Service Medal 1945: L/C. Ip Kai Cheong, Service Medal 1945: L/C. Lam Wing Sun, Service Medal 1944: Div. Supt. Li Wai Hon; 1st Bar 1941.

APPOINTMENT: The confirmation of the following appointment has now been received from London H.Q.:—Corps Surgeon Dr. Arthur Woo to District Surgeon Hong Kong: Mr. Wat Yiu Wah K.C.O.B. Div. to Sgt.-Hon. Sec.

LEAVE: Dist. Surgeon Dr. A. Woo granted 4 months leave.

(Sgd.) R. A. EDWARDS,
Corps Officer.

COMMUNIST ROUND-UP

Shanghai, June 17.

Nearly 210 Communist suspects rounded-up by the Shanghai-Woosung Garrison Command, have been questioned by a special criminal tribunal in preliminary investigations, according to Chinese press reports today.

The suspects are accused of trying to destroy the city's public utilities and to seize municipal records.

Two students arrested recently in connection with recent agitation against American aid to Japan, will shortly be sent to the special tribunal for trial, the reports added.—Reuter.

CHINESE ARRESTED

Singapore, June 16.

Siamese police arrested a large number of Chinese Communists, including school teachers and 40 secret society leaders, in day-long raids yesterday, a delayed despatch from Reuter's correspondent in Bangkok, received today, reported.—Reuter.

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Berlin, June 16.

Reports that Russian officers had joined with Western Allied officers to discuss Russian participation in a currency reform for the whole of Germany were confirmed here tonight by German officials in close touch with the Soviet Military administration.

It wds emphasised that the talks which had so far taken place were of a purely exploratory nature and that no leading officials of any of the four powers had so far taken any direct part in the negotiations.

The Russians have expressed their willingness to make certain concessions if proper safeguards are provided, these German circles stated tonight.

According to these sources, the Russians are ready to attend a meeting of the Control Council if this month's Chairman, General Pierre Koenig, should call it next Monday.

Alternatively, they would not object to the calling of a special meeting of the Financial Directorate of the Allied Control Authority.

Herr Ludwig Ehard, the Bizonal Economics chief, said that General Sir Brian Robertson, the British Military Governor, gave details of the currency reform to Herr Hermann Fuender, Chairman of the Bizonal Executive Committee, Herr Erick Koehler, Chairman of the Bizonal Economic Council, and other German leaders in a 90-minute talk today.

Trade Stops

Trade and business activity was virtually at a standstill throughout the Ruhr and Rhineland today as shops and offices put up their shutters in preparation for the currency reform now believed imminent.

Military police and British troops were standing by in case of unrest as crowds of men and women gathered outside shops in last 'desperate attempts to change their old marks for things of more lasting value.'

Meanwhile, in Berlin today the Russians vetoed at a meeting of the four-power Allied Kommandatura the Western powers' proposals for the socialisation of Berlin's industries.

The British spokesman strongly attacked the Russian tactics in connection with the proposals to raise wages and rations for the German population.

Describing the Russian attitude as cynical, the spokesman said: "The Russians annex any good idea produced by the other Allies or German organisations and graft on to it some unwanted and unacceptable proposals of their own.

"Then publicity is put into motion. A unilateral order raising wages and rations is issued in the Soviet sector only, and finally, a pretence is made of introducing the order on a citywide basis."

The Kommandatura, which governs Berlin, decided tonight to grant increases in the daily ration scale for all classes of ration-card holders. The increases range from 100 to 250 calories. Full agreement was reached after a long discussion.—Reuter.

Schumacher Seriously Ill

Hanover, June 16.

Dr. Kurt Schumacher, leader of the German Social Democratic Party, who was recently operated on for thrombosis of the leg, was stated tonight to be in a serious condition.

Widely circulated reports that he will have to have his leg amputated were denied.—Reuter.

CANTON BANS PRIVATE CARS

Canton, June 17.

No private motor cars may henceforth be imported into Canton.

Reporting this, a Chinese newspaper quoted the Director of the Import-Export Regulations Board as stating that the ruling permitting the import from abroad of used cars by their owners ceased with the introduction of the new foreign exchange control regulations.—Reuter.

Peril Of World Food Shortage

London, June 16.

Viscount Bruce of Melbourne, Chairman of the World Food Council, warned today of a likely world food shortage which "would lead to unrest and social upheaval which might well destroy our modern civilisation."

Such a shortage, he told the House of Lords, "will mean untold suffering and misery for millions of people and it will place in the hands of Communism the most potent weapon it could desire."

Viscount Bruce, who was speaking during a Lords debate on the world food situation, said reports reaching the Council he heads showed that 1951 food production would approximate that of 1938 but world population will have increased by 200,000,000 in that period.

He said the shortage possibly could be averted if all Governments took immediate "wide-visioned and statesmanlike action" on plans for increasing their food production by more intensified use of land and the opening up of new areas of production.—Associated Press.

Marshall Aid Cuts

HOUSE DECIDES TO PUT UP FIGHT

Washington, June 16.

The House of Representatives refused today to accept the $6,125,710,228 foreign aid fund, approved by the Senate earlier today, and gave a conference committee the job of working out a compromise.

The Senate's figure represented an increase of well over $1,000 million to the bill as it was originally passed by the House of Representatives.

Informed Congressional observers predicted that Marshall Plan funds will win final approval from the House of Representatives and the Senate by Friday—but will be $500 million short of the original $5,300 million promised.

This reduction, it was reliably forecast, is the compromise that will be worked out in the conference committee, which meets tomorrow.

The Senate delegation is lead by Senator Styles Bridges, Republican Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and contains only one true "isolationist."

On the other hand, the delegation from the House of Representatives is headed by Mr. John Taber (Republican)—the arch-enemy of the economic reconstruction programme—and contains only two men who favour restoring the cuts.

Barring a deadlock, the conference committee is expected by informed Congressional sources to come out tomorrow with a compromise bill which will (a) strike a middle way between the Senate and the House of Representatives' versions in the matter of funds, which would mean a reduction of about $500 million; (b) delete virtually the additional amendments contained in the House version and which the State Department and the Aid Administrator find as objectionable as the cuts themselves.—Reuter.

Lisbon Treason Trial

Lisbon, June 16.

The Army officers sentenced in Portugal's treason trial today removed the decorations from their uniforms because they said the verdict is offensive to the Army.

A friend paid Admiral Cabecadas' fine in lieu of his remaining gaol sentence of one month and seven days. At the same time he said that he would not pay the additional fine of 12 escudos per day for one year.

Officers found guilty who already have retired are not dismissed from the Army but their political rights are suspended for three years and their salaries suspended for an equal period.

The War Ministry presented Admiral Cabecadas, and presumably others found guilty, a bill for their food while they were in gaol before the trial.—United Press.

American To Head Mission

Geneva, June 16.

Mr. J. Huddle, the United States delegate, was today elected temporary Chairman of the five-man commission set up by the United Nations to resolve the dispute between India and Pakistan over Kashmir.

The Commission's permanent Chairman will be elected on Friday.

Today's meeting, the second held in Geneva, was in private. It was the first full meeting of the Commission. Dr. Alfredo Lonzape (Colombia) arrived by air from London last night.

The Commission was set up by the Security Council to supervise a Kashmir plebiscite on accession to India and to assist with the re restoration of peaceful conditions there.

Of the five countries whose delegates make up the Commission Czechoslovakia was chosen by India, and Argentina by Pakistan.

The remaining three members—Belgium, United States and Colombia were named by the Security Council.—Reuter.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Ankara, June 16.

The Turkish Premier, Hasan Saka's, reshuffled Cabinet received a vote of confidence from a meeting of the Government Republican People's Party last night after severe criticism from many of the 397 deputies present.

A lively discussion followed Mr. Saka's explanation of the new Cabinet's programme and as the vote of confidence was taken, over 100 deputies left the meeting.—Reuter.

RUSSIANS BREAK-UP KOMMANDATURA

Berlin, June 16.

The Russian delegation at the Kommandatura walked out tonight, stating, "There will be no other meeting of the Berlin Kommandatura."

As the Soviet delegation walked out, the chairman called out, "But we have not yet planned the next meeting." The Russian representative flung over his shoulder, "There won't by any next meeting."

The Russian walkout occurred shortly before midnight. The apparent reason was that the American commandant, Col. Frank L. Howley had left the meeting.

Howley left the meeting stating that he would leave his deputy to represent him. He apologised to the French chairman of the meeting. After Howley left the Kommandatura went into a discussion on the Berlin Trade Union split and the Russians read a tirade against the Western Powers.

Then the Russian deputy commander, Col. Jelesarov, rose and with his entire delegation walked out of the meeting.

Earlier, the British and Americans had accused the Russians of imposing "repressive transport measures" to extend their economic and political influence in Berlin at the expense of the German population and the western occupying powers.

Russians Accused

They served notice on the Russians that the western allies intend to maintain their rights here as joint occupiers.

British transport officials said that the Russians had stopped 250 railroad wagonloads of supplies, mainly coal, for Berlin in their zone since Saturday.

They said the Russians claimed the cargo was being transported in mechanically defective cars.

The British said they had asked the Russians to relax their restrictions to avoid placing further economic hardships upon the population of Berlin.—Associated Press and United Press.

"Israel" Oil Grievance

Tel Aviv, June 16.

The Israeli Government asserted today that Britain is "imposing oil sanctions" against the new Jewish state by shutting off the oil pipeline to Haifa and diverting fuel to Arab countries.

The Israeli Foreign Office issued a 2,000 word statement condemning the pipeline shutoff and a spokesman said the Government was considering appealing to the United Nations.

The Government statement charged that the shut down of Haifa refineries was not only hurting the Jewish war effort during the truce but was also "seriously affecting the Marshall plan for European recovery."

Israel may appeal to the Security Council to prevent the British from removing remaining Haifa oil reserve stocks to Tripoli and refineries in the Lebanon, the spokesman said.—Associated Press.

Democracy In Italy

Rome, June 16.

Closing a fortnight's debate on the Government's programme, Premier de Gasperi told the Italian Chamber of Deputies "democracy in Italy will fail unless the whole population respects the law."

Amid repeated left wing interruptions, he said "we intend to go to the limit against all those with hidden aims. It is necessary to finish this matter once and for all if we want peace in the country."

Signor de Gasperi pledged early agrarian reforms but only at a speed which would not interfere with production.

He also said the procedure for the European Recovery Programme would be presented to Parliament soon.—Reuter.

Budapest, June 16.

The Hungarian Parliament today accepted the bill to nationalise church-sponsored schools after a one day debate.—Associated Press.

AUTHOR'S DEATH

Saint Brieuc, Brittany, June 16.

The death occurred here today of J. H. Rosny, Jnr, famous French novelist, at the age of 30. His real name was Searphim Justin Francois Boex and he collaborated through a part of his life with his older brother, Joseph Henri.

His latest book was Lenigma du Redoubtable, published in 1941.—United Press.

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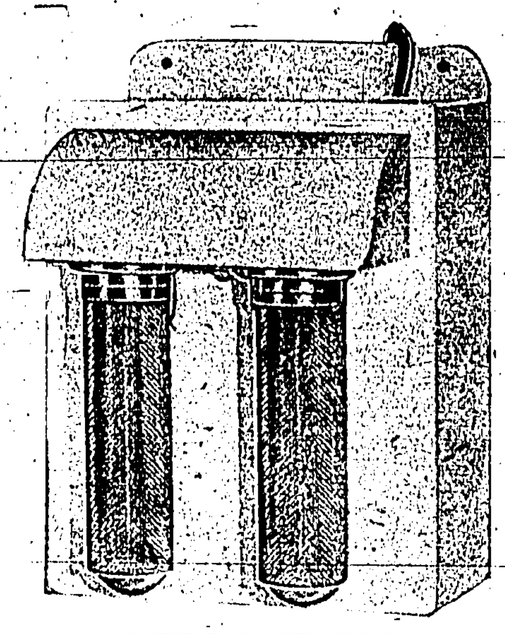

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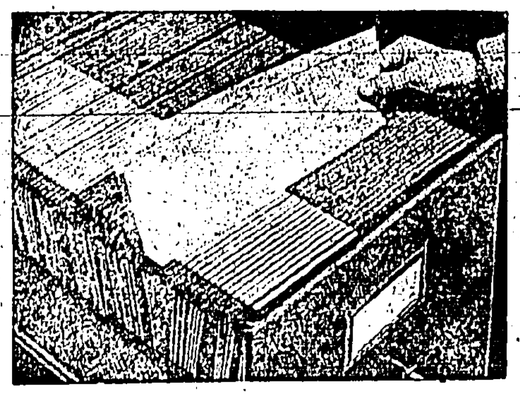

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BEVIN POLICY IN THE RUHR: MINES NOT TO BE RETURNED TO FORMER OWNERS

London, June 16.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, said today that the British Government's policy was that the Ruhr coal mines should not go back to their previous owners.

"The decision of the Four-Power Conference was that this should be dealt with by the German people. I cannot imagine and I cannot accept that for any length of time an alien government is likely to get the results out of the mines, especially after previous experience", he said.

He was answering a question in the House of Commons by William Warbey, Labour, who asked if he had considered the proposal of the French Socialist Party, "which is strongly supported in some quarters of this House," for placing the Ruhr industries under international public ownership.

Earlier, Thomas Skeffington Lodge, Labour, had asked: To what extent the established German political parties in the British Zone had expressed themselves on the issue of the nationalisation of industry in Western Germany. He also wanted to know whether in leaving this question to the German people themselves the relevant opinion, already published, would be taken into account and made known by democratic means to all Germans in the combined zones.

Mr. Bevin replied: "The main political parties in the British Zone of Germany have expressed themselves for or against the transfer of basic industries to public ownership.

Important Issue

"The Social Democratic and Communist Parties are in favour. The Free Democratic Party and the Germany Party are, in General, opposed. The Christian Democratic Party appears to favour the transfer of key basic industries to some form of mixed public and private ownership.

"The British Government fully expects that when this question falls to be decided the political parties and any other organisations concerned (such as the trade unions) will have ample opportunity of making their views known to the German people.

"There is no reason to doubt that the German people are already well aware both of the importance of this issue and of the opinions expressed by the various political parties."

John Hyne, Labour,: "Is he not aware that a meeting in Duesseldorf of the Prime Ministers of all the Laender and the elected representatives of Berlin, Hamburg and Bremen unanimously agreed on a resolution expressing their desire that the coal mines of the Ruhr should never be allowed to return to capitalist ownership?".

Mr. Bevin: "I was not aware of that."—Reuter.

Might Not Have Worked!

Washington, June 16.

Mr. George Marshall, Secretary of State, said today that America and Britain had "for some time" had a tacit understanding to keep each other informed in advance of their respective moves in the Middle East.

Commenting on the fact that Britain was not informed of America's intention to recognise the provisional Government of Israel, he said the understanding "must not have worked in that case."—Reuter.

ATHENS INCIDENT

Athens, June 16.

Time and Life Correspondent Mary Barber said she was "disgracefully treated" by the police at Athens airport just before leaving for Rhodes this morning.

Mrs. Barber, who is the wife of Stephen Barber, was en route to Rhodes to cover Count Folke Bernadotte's Palestine mediation efforts. She cabled her husband, who is one of three persons the Greek police "temporarily" will not allow to leave the country, saying it was only through a telephone call to Athens Chief of Police Angelo Evert that she was permitted to leave Athens.

Mrs. Barber is a British subject, the daughter of a prominent Greek-London doctor and is related to well-known families in Athens. She speaks Greek fluently.

Part of her cable said "my passport was seized at the aerodrome. I was prevented from phoning my husband and told I was unable to leave. I was treated disgracefully."

She said she "luckily caught the plane" after reaching Evert.—Associated Press.

ABDUCTIONS OF WOMEN

New Delhi, June 17.

The total number of abducted women recovered by May 15 from riot plagued areas in India and Pakistan was officially calculated today at 12,514.

From India 7,539 Moslem women were recovered and 4,978 non-Moslems from Pakistan.

It was officially announced that by June 3, 43,564 persons in India had registered inquiries regarding missing relatives in West Pakistan. — Associated Press.

No Demarche By France

Washington, June 16.

Mr George Marshall, Secretary of State, today denied having received either proposals or enquiries from the French Government regarding possible revision of the London agreement on the future of Western Germany.

Speaking at a press conference, he added that no statement of views on the London agreement had yet been received by him from the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

DANUBE 'GOOD SIGN'

Washington, June 16.

Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, described Russia's readiness to join in a conference to settle the problem of the Danube as a "good sign" of Soviet readiness to negotiate on "specific issues."

But he added wryly: "It is a good sign to the extent that a refusal would be a very bad one."

"My own hope," he said, "is that we will get a satisfactory agreement."

Mr. Marshall expressed confidence that Russia will reply to the recently renewed United States request to discuss the issue of Trieste, but forecast that "the trouble there will probably be on the question of procedure."—Reuter.

RUSSIA PREPARES TO VETO

Lake Success, June 16.

Russia has made plain in the United Nations Security Council that it is ready to veto the majority-backed American plan for world control of atomic energy.

The Soviet delegate, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, asserting that the American plan was a tool in the plot of "warmongers", delivered a one-hour attack on the United States' proposal for stamping the Council's approval on the American atomic plan.

"American ruling circles are rattling their atomic weapons," said M. Gromyko, "and are trying to wreck international atomic control, increase fear and stability in international relations and kindle war psychosis."

The delegates of France, Belgium and China replied to Soviet criticism with firm support of the United States' proposal, but the length of M. Gromyko's address put off the final vote until tomorrow.

The Soviet representative blended the two-year history of the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, criticism of "United States leading circles" and a detailed explanation of Russia's own atomic proposal into a blistering assault on American motives.—United Press.

Chinese Communist Claims

San Francisco, June 16.

The Chinese Communist radio reported that its East China Army and its Central Plains Army have "joined forces" in Central China.

The Nanking Government has been fighting in Shantung province, east of this point, to prevent such a junction. So grave is the situation that President Chiang Kai-shek is said to be directing the central front operations... The two Communist armies have always worked closely together, but have not been linked by good communication lines. The Central Army, separated from Shantung bases of supply, has lived off the land.

If recent successes by the East China Army in Shantung have opened such lines, then the Communist threat is immeasurably increased for such big Nationalist bases as Hankow and Suchow.

General Chen Yi, Commander of the East China Army, sent a congratulatory message to one-eyed General Liu Po-cheng, Commander of the Central Plains Army.

The broadcast said General Chen's greeting declared the territory conquered by the two armies in the central provinces of Hupeh, Honan and Anhwei "is a sharp dagger in the very heart of the Chiang Kai-shek gang."

General Chen said that "for the sake of more expeditiously annihilating the enemy" the two Communist armies hereafter "will be more frequently and more directly coordinated."—Associated Press.

Heidelberg Ration Protest

Heidelberg, June 16.

Thousands of Heidelberg students demonstrated this morning against inadequate rations, shortly before a building, requisitioned by American troops on the University grounds, started to blaze fiercely.

Two persons were reported to have been killed by the fire.

No association has been found between the demonstration and the fire, it was announced here.

At their demonstration, the students demanded that the building be freed from requisition and returned for University use. The fire casualties were said to be a German working on the auditorium of the building and another who jumped to his death to escape the flames.

The fire destroyed the roof and the top floor of the structure—known as "Schurman Hall—one of the newest on the Heidelberg University grounds.—Reuter.

PIRATE ACTIVITY IN CANTON AREA

Canton, June 17.

Pirates on the East and Pearl Rivers are just as terrifying as were the buccaneers on the Spanish Main in the old days.

They don't wear colourful scarfs on their heads nor big brass rings in their ears and they don't clench knives between their teeth. But they've struck terror into the hearts of the rivermen.

Almost daily they attack river junks, towboats and motor vessels on the East River above Waichow, about 65 miles northeast of Hong Kong.

River vessels usually are armed with machineguns and light cannon. But the pirate ships have stronger fire power plus more speed.

Sometimes in a running battle the passenger ship escapes. But the price is heavy in dead and wounded.

The water marauders also are active on the North, Little North, the Sui Kiang and West Rivers. But they are not so fierce. Some of them become "respectable"—leaving protection tolls on passing ships instead of pirating them outright.

But the East River pirates are the worst. They're closer to the sea. Usually their headquarters are located at notorious Bias Bay, 45 miles northeast of Hongkong.

They call themselves "Navy" or "Marine Corps" of the United Democratic Army of South China (Communists). But they are professionals.—Associated Press.

Russia Changes Her Mind

Lake Success, June 16.

Russia announced today that it will take part in all the work of the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

Russia boycotted the Council for a year until the problem of Palestine came before it at an emergency meeting this spring. M. Andrei Gromyko, Chief Russian delegate said that Semyon A. Tsarapkin of the Soviet delegation would take part in the third regular session of the Council opening on Wednesday.

Problems before the Council ranged from martial practices of African natives in the Cameroons to the direct challenge to the authority of the United Nations itself on the part of the Union of South Africa.—United Press.

STRIKE ORDER

Brussels, June 16.

More than 200,000 Belgian metal workers have so far answered a strike order issued by their trade unions last night when wage talks with Government and employers' representatives broke down.—Reuter.

Another Chance To Shine

London, June 16.

Sir Terence Shone, whose transfer from his post as Britain's first High Commissioner to the Dominion of India was earlier announced, will go to Lake Success as assistant to Sir Alexander Cadogan, the permanent United Kingdom representative to the United Nations.

He will go to New York with the rank of Minister.

Sir Alexander has had no proper leave from his United Nations appointment for two years and it had been expected that a high-ranking colleague would be appointed to share Britain's representation.—Reuter.

Swedish Goodwill Air Visit

London, June 16.

The Swedish Air Force squadron now in Britain on a goodwill visit, today laid a wreath on the Royal Air Force war memorial here in the presence of Air Marshal Sir William Elliot, Commander - in - Chief, Fighter Command.

Afterwards, they went to the Swedish Embassy to toast King Gustav on his birthday.

The officers of the squadron tonight attended a Royal Birthday Ball at the Embassy as guests of the Swedish Association in London.

The squadron will take off for home early tomorrow.—Reuter.

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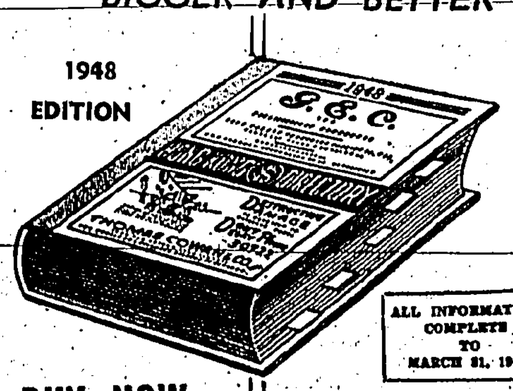

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RELIANCE ON THE SOUTH

Canton To Become Big Military Headquarters?

SOONG SCHEMES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Canton, June 17.

The statement by Mr. Wong Wen-hao, China's Prime Minister, that "just as the war against Japan was fought from bases, the war against the Communists will be continued from South China," confirms the increasingly important role that South China, under the guidance of Dr. T. V. Soong, is to play in the destinies of the nation in the coming months.

Despite the slowing down of the Communist momentum in the last three months, there are many who still believe that South China will be the country's military headquarters, with Canton as the capital, or auxiliary capital, in the early months of 1949.

But these observers do not anticipate the fall of Nanking, nor Shanghai for that matter, into Communist hands. Rather, the belief is held that the Communists may disrupt communications to such an extent as to make Nanking more or less untenable as the capital.

The many and elaborate development schemes now being undertaken by Dr. Soong are also giving support to speculation that South China may replace the Yangtse Valley as China's "lifeline" in the future.

Formidable Base

The major problems facing the Kwangtung Government are improving communications with South-west and Central China and an outlet to the sea.

Should the Government forces be capable of preventing a large-scale Communist crossing of the Yangtse in the next few months, there is no doubt that South China can be developed into a formidable base.

The Communists are by no means in great strength in South China. There are isolated pockets in various parts: on the Kwangtung-Fukien border, along the Yunnan-Indo China frontier, in the Luichow Peninsula (southernmost Kwangtung) and in the interior of Hainan Island.

In Canton city itself, conditions are quiet and the authorities are confident of being able to cope with any potential disturbances. Though it is believed that Communist cells exist here, Communist infiltration has not been great.

Banditry

There is no fertile ground for agitators. Both the Governor and the Mayor of the city are held in esteem by the common people, as much has been done in recent months to improve their conditions.

There are frequent reports of lawlessness, both in the city limits and in the surrounding countryside. But it is generally thought that much of the banditry is due to the economic plight of some sections rather than to Communist inspiration.—Reuter.

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9.15 p.m.—Percy Faith and His Orchestra (I.B.D.).
9.30 p.m.—"I Remember" by Clifford Davies (Studio).
10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.16 p.m.—Chopin: Piano Recital by Alexander Brailowsky.
10.30 p.m.—Dance to Lou Preager and His Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—Radio News-Reel (London Relay).
11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

Plan For UN Police Force

Lake Success, June 16.

The U.N. Secretary-General, Trygve Lie, said today that he is going ahead with his own plan for a United Nations police force.

Lie told a news conference that he was satisfied with the response to his speech at Cambridge, Mass., last week in which he outlined a suggestion for a small security force.

No decision has been taken yet, Lie said, whether he will lay the plan before the Security Council or the Assembly. He has the right, under the charter, to initiate proposals in either body.

Lie said that he had received many letters from men wanting to volunteer in any United Nations Security force which, he think, should recruit from 1,000 to 5,000 men.—Associated Press.

NATIONALISATION DEMAND

Blackpool, June 16.

An immediate nationalisation of Britain's iron and steel industry by emergency decree was demanded by the Foundry Workers Union Conference here today.

The delegates, representing 77,000 foundrymn, rejected a proposal to withhold compensation from owners, but agreed that only minimum rates of compensation should be paid for obsolete plants which should afterwards be demolished and rebuilt on modern lines.—Reuter.

The Modern Delilah

Paris, June 16.

Sixty-year-old August Valfont paid a five dollar fine today for assaulting a widow of his own age who snipped off his beard while he was asleep.

She said that after 28 years of constant growth, the beard was getting to be "ragged and dirty."—United Press.

ANTI-BRITISH FEELING LESSENS

London, June 16.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin told the House of Commons today that there has been a noticeable change in the anti-British tension in New York since Sir Alexander Cadogan, British Delegate to the United Nations, explained Britain's attitude towards the Palestine question to the Security Council.—United Press.

Cutting Statute Deadwood

London, June 17.

The House of Lords began sweeping the cobwebs from the statute books today.

They passed through its crucial second reading the Statute Law (Revision) Bill designed to cut the deadwood from the statutes that have accumulated between 1235 when Henry III was King and 1800.

Enactment of the measure will mean the repeal of some 750 acts, all "pieces of legal archaeology."

Quoting the archaic English of the Acts—among them are "an Act for the attainder of several persons guilty of the horrid murder of his late sacred majesty King Charles the first" enacted in 1660 and an Act of the reign of George II granting to James Watt for 25 years the sole use of "certain steam engines of his invention."—Associated Press.

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THERE are many close situations during the bidding in which your action should be governed by the vulnerability of the two sides. With a choice between going on to your own game or doubling the opponent's call, it is merely a question of which alternative promises the larger number of points. Suppose the option is between setting them a probable three tricks and making a No Trump game, with perhaps an extra trick or two. With both sides vulnerable, or with the opponents vulnerable and you not, the double is best. Only when you are vulnerable and they not should you prefer your game to a three-trick doubled set.

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(Dealer: East. Neither side vulnerable).

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Here South had the option of bidding 2-No Trumps over the 1-Spade or doubling it. He estimated that it probably would be set three tricks, which it was, producing a score of 500, whereas the 2-No Trumps call would have put him in a game that might furnish an extra trick or two, to be worth about 430 or 460 points.

If both sides had been vulnerable, the difference in merit of scores would have been 800 for the double against 630 or 660 for the game. With equal vulnerability, in brief, the gain was only slight, but nevertheless worth while. Note how big the gain would have been if East-West had been vulnerable and South not. Then the difference would have been between 800 for the set and 430 or 460 for the game. In only one situation should South prefer the game—with himself vulnerable and the opponents not. Then the game would be worth 630 or 660 and the set of three doubled only 500.

TOMORROW'S PROBLEM

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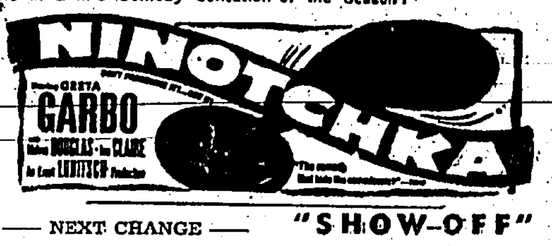

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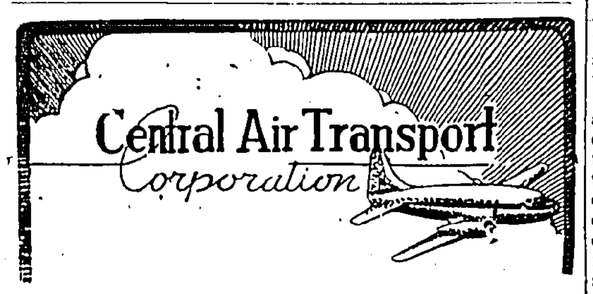

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DEATH

PERRY.—At his home at Radyr, Cardiff, Frederick Arthur PERRY after a short illness. For many years connected with British-American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd., Hong Kong.

NEVER ANY DOUBT

Passage of the Debtor-Creditor Ordinance was delayed in Legislative Council by a speech or two, but there was never any doub as to the outcome of the debate. The European members were unanimous in their support and while the leading Chinese Unofficials declined to subscribe, their opposition was not very spirited and not long sustained. Perhaps the strongest point in its favour was made by the Hon. N. O. C. Marsh when he urged that the greatest tribute to its impartiality was its failure to satisfy either side. Sir M. K. Lo probably brought the discussion nearest to pure logic when he contended that for that very reason the most appropriate solution was to drop the Bill, lift the Moratorium and allow the Courts to decide between the various parties on the merits of each case. Had that been done from the beginning, or reasonably soon after the resumpt. n of civil government, undoubtedly it would have provided the simplest solution with, it is virtually certain, greater discomfiture than they now suffer to those who were the bitterest opponents of the measure passed in Legislative Council on Wednesday. Generally speaking, the easiest way is the best way, but the problem that had to be dealt with was of such complexity that the short-cut was fraught with dangerous possibilities, and the answer provided by the Bill, though far from perfect, offered a fair compromise. From what they regarded as the strict legal position, the liquidation banks have made substantial concessions, and only those are likely to feel hurt who paid, or purported to pay, their debts in military yen.

The controversy that developed during the three months between publication of the draft bill and its final passage has, however, served once again to demonstrate how little the general public is taken into the confidence of the Government and those nominated to high public office as representatives of the people of Hong Kong when legislation is under study. Wednesday's debate was little more than an act of showmanship. The real work on the Bill was done and the most important comments upon its various features were forthcoming not in the open forum of the council chamber, but behind closed doors. Delicate issues doubtless call for gingerly handling, but there can be little warrant once general principles have been established and agreed for persistence in 'hole-in-the-corner' methods. Far too much legislation is presented to Council in cut-and-dried form and passed into law without the slightest pretence at discussion. To justify this, it is contended that most of such legislation is non-controversial in nature and that the normal Parliamentary procedure would be a waste of time. To us, this appears to be entirely beside the point. The effect of the system is to place on the statute book dozens of Ordinances, couched in strictly legal phraseology beyond the understanding of most laymen, which Objects and Reasons do little to cure. The unfortunate individual who crosses the border-line is quickly instructed by the Bench that ignorance of the law is no excuse. Such ignorance could, however, be appreciably reduced were the Legislative Council to conduct its affairs more in the open.

THE SIX-POWER COMPROMISE

By Gen. Carton de Wiart

Without provoking the USSR, yet at the same without becoming servile, the Western Powers should seek to bring about greater harmony, confidence and balance among those nations to whom has been assigned the role of the 'Third Force' in this new international situation. It is thus that they will best serve the cause of peace, and do away with the threat of a new conflagration.

But this requires constant effort and understanding on the part of those concerned. It cannot be brought about without concession on the part of one and all; each must be ready to give up some part of his aspirations for the common good. And it is not easy. Even in the case of Great Britain and the United States, debates within UNO have revealed that, despite their affinity, these two Powers regard certain very burning problems from totally different angles. Seen from London, the United States is a fine talker, ready to advise the free entry of Jews into Palestine and the democratic treatment of the Arabs, but she is not prepared to help control the disorders which may result. In the eyes of Washington, on the other hand, Britain wants the United States to guarantee her unjust conquests of the last two centuries, as one writer has said.

This disagreement, sometimes visible, sometimes latent, between the two great Anglo-Saxon races complicates matters considerably; but it did not affect the deliberations concerning the Austrian Peace Treaty. If that subject has been adjourned sine die, the cause must be sought in disagreement with the USSR on the subject of German assets, and still more in the refusal by the British, Americans and French, to accept the annexations claimed by the Yugoslav Government. But we have seen how disagreement between the Allies has influenced the settlement of the German problem — a problem which cannot be left in suspense much longer.

After the checks suffered to the Conferences of Moscow and Paris, as well as to the so-called 'Last Chance Conference,' America, Britain and France—who invited the Benelux States to take part in their discussions on this occasion—arranged to put their irons in the fire. It might have been thought that, Russia being absent on this occasion, agreement would have been reached without much difficulty between the six delegations. But this was not the case. No matter how they tried, they could not agree on the settlement of the German problem, and this was due to the diversity of views which were caused by a diversity of interests, among these neighbours of a Power who may well grow claws once more, as well as among those who are separated from Germany by the ocean.

Alas, after the first World War, Britain and America showed themselves far more anxious to see Germany on her feet once more than they were to provide against a return of her aggressive spirit. This tendency has not been cured by the most tragic experience, and the recent London Conference was faced with it. The sooner Germany regains a state of order and prosperity, the sooner will the British and Americans see an end to the heavy sacrifices caused by occupation of German territory and the necessity to feed the German population. But how can the French, and with the Benelux States, fail to be anxious for their own future security?

And talking of security....how some definite agreement on the political organisation of Germany, or on international control of the Ruhr, would have been facilitated by a formal engagement on the part of the United States to her partners at the conference—partners who would come into the first line of fire in case of aggression — to give military assistance. But if the Marshall Plan has begun to function in the economic sense, there does not yet exist any Marshall Plan for armament, and from reports we have had from Washington, it does not seem that we can hope for credits to be asked of Congress for the equipment of Western Europe with modern weapons—or for any Lease-Lend to that end—before the next presidential election. The only guarantee that America will give for the present is that she does not intend to bring her occupation of Germany to an end.

So that this last conference should not entirely fail, therefore, it was found necessary to accommodate ourselves to a compromise which more or less regulates the two most urgent and difficult problems: the political organisation of Western Germany and the control of the Ruhr. As is the case with everything that is unsatisfactorily arranged, this compromise will bring about much criticism and many regrets.

Waterloo Day —18th June

Between the years 1795 and 1815, France led by Napoleon Bonaparte attempted to dominate Europe and the World just as Hitler attempted 150 years later. Similarly it was Great Britain who played the leading part in the fight for freedom.

The Regiment was actively engaged during these years as the Battle Honours carried on its Colours show:—St. Lucia 1796 Maida, Badajoz, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Nivelle, Orthes, Toulouse, Peninsular, and finally Waterloo.

Waterloo is probably the most prized Battle Honour of the British Army, and no Regiment is more a worthy holder of it than 1st Bn The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

The Battle, fought on the 18th June, 1815, lasted from eleven in the morning until nine at night.

The Twenty-Seventh held the Centre of the Allied Line throughout the long summer day and their casualties were the highest of any British Regiment engaged. Seventeen Officers out of 18 and 427 Other Ranks out of 728.

Major Hill of the Fortieth (East Lancashire Regiment) describing his experiences of the battle between 4 and 6 p.m. said, "At one time the Officer Commanding the Twenty-Seventh rode up to our Major and announced the fact that he had barely an Officer left to Command each Company." Major Browne offered to lend him some from the Fortieth, this, however, was imperatively declined. "The Sergeants of the Regiment" he said, "liked to Command the Companies and he would be loathe to deprive them of the honour."

The Commanders on both sides acknowledged the bravery of the Twenty-Seventh that day.

Wellington, 23 years later when told that the Guard of Honour provided for a distinguished visitor Walmer, was from the Inniskillings said, "Ah, they saved the centre of my line at Waterloo."

Today the remains of the Regimental Colour carried at Waterloo, are in possession of the Bn in Hong Kong.

Malan Steps Into Smuts' Veldtschoen

By NOEL MONKS

Dr. Daniel Francois Malan (the Dr. is for Divinity), South Africa's new Prime Minister, who for 30 years has been striding up and down the Union breathing fire against his pet hates, is to the strict, bible-loving Boers of the back-veldt a sort of Moses.

He still wears the dark clerical grey he first adopted when he was a minister of religion in the early 1900's.

Dr. Malan found it hard to reconcile his rigid racial beliefs — the election was won on them — with his Utrecht degree in theology, so, after nine years, he forsook the pulpit for the editor's chair in 1915 and took over the Afrikaans language newspaper, *Die Burger*.

His pen, like his speeches, roused the fanatical passions of his followers, and soon *Die Burger* became a power in the land.

Gift Of A Seat

It was in 1915 that he stood for Parliament for the first time, but was beaten at Cradock, and he had another defeat at Victoria West the following year. However, he was presented with a seat next year by a Mr. Louw, who, one biographer says, "felt sorry for him."

In 1919 he came to England to ask for the same Republic for which General Smuts fought in 1900, but the deputation returned empty-handed.

When Hertzog's Nationalist Party was returned to power in 1924 Malan found himself in the Cabinet alongside English-speaking Labour Party men with whom Hertzog had a coalition.

Three years later, in 1927, Malan introduced into Parliament the Flag Bill which said the Union Jack must remain in South Africa as a symbol of good relations with Britain.

After the Hertzog-Smuts fusion of 1933 he formed the purified Nationalist Party, out of which the present party was born.

The Union's new leader is a big, thick set man with a moon-shaped, rarely smiling face. He wears thick glasses, and when he talks from the floor of the House in Pretoria or from the political platform his delivery is still that of the pulpit.

In the years that he has been in Opposition to Smuts (they were co-students in their schooldays) Dr. Malan has devoted most of his waking hours, apart from periods for prayer, to his Parliamentary and political duties. He is possessed of tremendous stamina.

His two grown-up sons, although they help their father at election times and share his convictions on the supremacy of whites over natives, take no active part in politics.

Malan the man has few close friends. He is known as a "crusty" individual, hard to get on with. But Malan the politician has now proved that he has more friends in South Africa than Smuts the humanitarian.

The original Dutch settlers trekked into the wilderness to be alone — taking with them the Bible, spirit of independence, and an overlord attitude to the coloured natives.

It is descendants of these people who have put Malan into power. They believe still in the white man first, and Malan is their mouthpiece. His political enemies give him credit for being fearless and honest in his convictions. Many times during the war he risked imprisonment for his utterances.

Supreme Triumph

Dr. Malan has worked hard and risked all to become Prime Minister of South Africa. In all his 74 years—his birthday was four days before the elections—he has never had so great a triumph. Yet, ironically, this man was born at a farm with the name *Allesverloren*, meaning "All is lost"!

The cares of high office are expected to effect some change in his approach to the Union's problems. This was summed up in London recently by a man who knows him well:

"Daniel is a man of deep convictions. He'd have made a great show in the lion's den. He has a notion in his hands now. He won't throw it down. After all, Smuts took up arms against England."

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner

"If I'd known you were so nice, I'd never have let you eat that hamburger!"

Three Years Is A Long Time To Wait For A Peace Treaty

INSIDE BERLIN

By JOHN FISHER

The German girl took half the pat of butter from the dish and smeared it over her forehead, then round her eyes. When she'd finished she said: "It's silly, but nowadays we don't get such good face cream."

And this is just one piece of nonsense in a city strange and hard to understand.

In Berlin we have had a one-way siege lasting now for three months. Russian soldiers limit what the British citizen can take out of Berlin with him. They limit what military trains can take out of Berlin.

The Russians threaten the British barge traffic. They also threaten that air traffic to and from Berlin will not be safe unless they are allowed to make the rules.

One-Way Post

Traffic talks have been broken off indefinitely. At present the Berliners have to go to a post office in the Russian sector of Berlin in order to send out a parcel.

The Russians have hampered exports from the capital.

No wonder some Berliners think that life might be easier if Berlin became a Russian city instead of being parcelled out between four Powers. Then, at least, they would be able to post a letter where they like.

If the British left Berlin there would be a tremendous loss of prestige. Yet the authorities have never really succeeded in explaining to the Germans why we are here, and there is considerable anti-British feeling. (It is only fair to add that the other occupying Powers are equally, if not more, unpopular.)

Not long ago a survey conducted by the British authorities here showed that half the men and women of Berlin believed that the main reason for the British occupation was "the economic ruin of Germany."

One-Way Information

We have an expensive information organisation here which is supposed to tell the Germans the facts and prevent just this very impression from getting around.

But of its 153 senior officers only 42 have had more than one year's newspaper experience, and only 82 claim to write and speak German. (Some of the 42 are included in the 82.)

Russian radio programmes are better than ours, and the transmission is stronger.

Russian-sponsored papers in Berlin saucily portray the Allies as weak and selfish, if not criminal.

Writers tell the Germans that the Marshall Plan will raise coal exports from West Germany and hinder the industrial reconstruction of the country.

They say that the foreign trade of Western Germany is now in the hands of the joint export-import agency, which is run by American big business; that the US is forcing Western Germany to accept worthless goods at high dollar prices, and that Germans are being forced to pay in dollars for goods that could far better be manufactured by Germany herself.

And in face of this barrage we have not yet learned to walk in step with our Allies in Berlin —the French and Americans.

Two-Way Decisions

We have taken different attitudes over our traffic disputes with the Russians and over the Russian-sponsored Unity Referendum, now in progress. Elsewhere in Germany we have differed with the Americans over trade-union privileges and over the methods to be used in the reconstruction of the country.

The British are also out of touch socially with the people they are supposed to be ruling. The social atmosphere in Berlin is that of a former Indian hill-station. That is, it is bad form to go out with the Germans at all. They are forbidden in British clubs.

British business men fixing orders may entertain buyers in the official hotels, but not the buyer and his wife; that, too, is bad form.

All right. We are still technically at war with the Germans. But in that case why try to turn them into customers?

No Way at All

The Intelligence Forces in Germany are being cut by 40 per cent., but even today far too much time is being spent in looking for non-existent were-wolves in German cellars and not enough in getting the information that really matters—on clandestine Communist activity in Germany.

Soldiers are equally out of touch. Few of them realise that if there is a European short-circuit Berlin is the place where the fuse is most likely to blow.

More than one elegant Western Ally has been enjoying the Black Market. German fashion shows (based on textiles smuggled from the Russian Zone) almost as if this were Paris.

But still many of the Germans shamble along past the ruins where the shutters swing and the windows stare.

Three years is a long time to wait for a Peace Treaty.

ATOMIC ENERGY PLANES

New York, June 16.

The first specifications for atomic energy planes were released today by Andrew Kaltinsky of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

In a speech to the Metropolitan Section of the Society of Automotive Engineers, he described four planes, one propeller driven, two jets and one rocket, the latter for travel in inter-planetary space.

Kalitinsky is chief engineer of the nuclear energy propulsion for aircraft division of the Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation which is doing research for the United States Air Force at Tennessee's atomic centre.

The propellor plane would carry water or mercury and make steam. The two jets burn air from the atmosphere. The interplanetary plane will use hydrogen but strangely would not burn it.

The steam or mercury plane would differ little from present planes. It will have a turbine driven by steam or mercury vapour. Either would be heated by a small but almost inexhaustible amount or uranium or plutonium. The load of water or mercury would not be very heavy because either would be condensed and used over repeatedly.

The interplanetary ship will have a rocket engine to carry liquid hydrogen which will expand into gas. This in turn would be heated by atomic metal.

Its expansion would furnish a jet to drive the plane.

Kalitinsky said the proposed atomic rocket ship probably would not carry enough hydrogen to make interplanetary travel practicable but an interplanetary missile might be built. The shielding of atomic aircraft engines to protect against radioactivity, Kalitinsky said, has not worked out.—Associated Press.

U.S. DRAFT BILL

Washington, June 16.

The House of Representatives voted today to require one year's drfat service instead of two.

It tentatively accepted by a vote of 156 to 88 an amendment by Representative Coudert, Republican of New York, to limit service to 12 months. The action can be challenged on a roll call vote later.—Associated Press.

Currency Silver Basis Denial

Washington, June 17.

Rumours that the Chinese Government is undertaking to achieve a silver basis for its currency and to obtain a United States loan for the purpose have run into an authoritative denial.

Chen Li-fu, Vice-President of the Chinese Legislative Yuan, said here today, "I know of no negotiations with that objective."

Mr. Chen arrived here leading a Chinese delegation which attended the Riverside Moral Rearmament Conference. In an exclusive interview preceding a news conference, Mr. Chen said that Chinese press reports that Nanking is seeking an American loan to stabilise the Chinese currency "are not confirmed in Chinese official circles."

Referring to the recent Riverside conference, Mr. Chen said the world needs "an ideological counterpart of the Marshall plan."

He said at the news conference he believed "moral rearmament" could bring peace among Oriental peoples.—Associated Press.

SAFETY AWARD FOR NWA

For its 1947 operations records, Northwest Airlines yesterday won another safety award from the United States National Safety Council, the American President Lines (local agents for the Northwest Airlines) announced last night.

With flying routes totalling 17,761 miles in the Far East, Alaska and America, the airline has also set a new safety record by flying a total of 1,228,604,000 passenger miles since the spring of 1942 without a single accident. The Northwest is the second oldest airline company in the United States.

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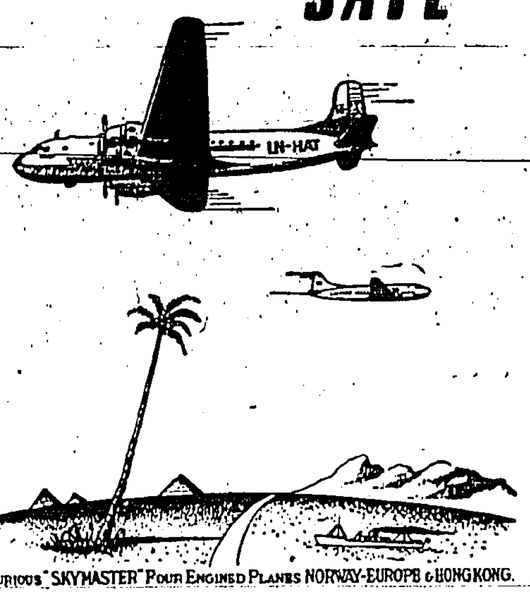

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MURDER OF THREE BRITONS

Troops May Be Called Out To Restore Order

Malayan Violence Of Grave Proportions

London, June 16.

The Colonial Office was considering the use of troops to restore order in Malaya, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, the Colonial Secretary, informed the House of Commons today.

In a statement on the recent outbreak of violence there, culminating today in the murder of three British plantation managers and a Chinese contractor in the Perak area, Mr. Creech Jones said a decision on the banishment of persons involved in the lawlessness was also about to be made.

Replying to a question from a Conservative Member of Parliament, Mr. P. W. Donner, about the "Communist-inspired outbreak of crime and violence in Malaya," Mr. Creech Jones said the worst affected areas were central and south Perak and central Johore.

During the week ending June 12, there had been five murders and two attempted murders in these areas. All except one attempted murder could be attributed to organised violence.

Announcing the murder of the three British plantation managers, the Colonial Secretary said the sweeping emergency powers instituted by the High Commissioner, Sir Edward Gent, would not remove offenders from the jurisdiction of the courts, except in the case of individuals whom it might be necessary to detain in the interests of public safety.

Police posts and military patrols had been increased in the affected areas and police had been posted temporarily to some estates where violence had occurred or was expected.

Other measures were being taken for the safety of plantation staffs in remote areas, including the issue of police weapons on loan to individual planters.

Banishment

Other measures, which involved legislation to enable the Government of the Federation to act decisively against persons challenging its authority were being prepared.

These included the strengthening of restricted residence, seditious publication, printing press and emergency regulation enactments.

He said the strike situation was improving. On June 13, there were 22 strikes, with 4,800 workers involved, compared with 27 strikes with 6,900 workers a week earlier.

Asked by Mr. Donner if he had considered the banishment of persons found guilty of banditry, whether British subjects or not, Mr. Creech Jones said they were giving immediate consideration to a banishment ordinance.

Mr. L. Gammans, Conservative, asked: "Do you agree with the statement of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, (Commissioner-General for the United Kingdom in South East Asia) that international Communism is playing an important part in this unrest? Why have powers of banishment not been granted until now by the Colonial Office?"

Use Of Troops

Mr. Creech Jones said a decision about banishment was about to be made.

Regarding Communist propaganda, regulations relating to all kinds of subversive propaganda had been tightened and certain steps taken to amend the trade union regulations.

Answering Mr. Oliver Stanley, wartime Colonial Secretary, who spoke of the numerical weakness of the police in Malaya, Mr. Creech Jones said further steps had been taken to increase the police force in the last few weeks.

Energetic measures had also been adopted to get out to Malaya new equipment and apparatus which had been on order for some time.

There had been no request from the local Government about the use of troops. That was under consideration by the Colonial Office.

In reply to Major E. A. Bramall, Labour, who asked for an assurance that measures to preserve order would be accompanied by others to ensure that the root causes of the discontent in Malaya were removed, the Colonial Secretary said that several Commissions had been sent to Malaya to examine the economic and social background.

"A Scandal"

Sir Ralph Glynn, Conservative, asked if the police had been provided with aircraft. Mr. Creech Jones said they were trying to meet the request of the police for assistance.

Mr. William Gallagher, Communist, protested that it was intolerable that anyone should be allowed to put down a question about Communist-inspired murder "when there is no evidence of any kind."

He said there had been ghastly outrages in Britain since the war and no one put it down to Communist-inspired murder.

"It is a scandal," he said.

Mr. Donner intervened to say that the evidence came from the High Commissioner himself.

Mr. Gallagher also asked: "On what grounds has the Malayan Federation Government declared illegal the Pan-Malayan Federation of Trade Unions?"

Mr. Creech Jones said he was awaiting a report on the matter from the High Commissioner.

Mr. Gallagher asked: "Is the Minister aware that where there is such a situation as appears to exist in Malaya, it is very undesirable to try and remedy it by oppression and suppression rather than by a clear straightforward Socialist progressive policy?"

No Repression

Mr. Creech Jones denied there was any repression. "We are concerned with certain subversive organisations in Malaya and the necessary action must be taken in view of the background of violence and disturbance there at the present time."

Mr. Creech Jones made no further reply when Mr. Gallagher asked if it was not a case of "palpable repression when a trade union federation is being declared illegal in such a situation as exists in Malaya, where the masses of the people for generations were kept submerged in the lowest conditions by the Tories of this country."

In the House of Lords, Lord Ailwyn, Conservative, asked the Government whether it could now make a full statement about the murder of Mr. John Ramsden, managing director of a Malayan estate and son of Sir John Ramsden in Malaya on June 8.

Lord Listowel, Minister of State for the Colonies, said a full report had been called for but had not yet been received.

A preliminary report from the High Commissioner had stated that the police were satisfied that the murder was in no way connected with the recent waves of politically inspired crimes in Malaya.—Reuter.

British Regime Challenged

Singapore, June 17.

The Straits Times declared today that the whole British regime in Malaya was challenged by the murders.

"Is there to be a constitutional civilised government or government by the gun and knife?", the paper asked.

Under the heading: "Govern or get out," the paper questioned whether the police were adequately armed to deal with "a combination of guerilla, bandit and political killer."

"The spirit, equipment and methods required to stamp out this savage and ferocious threat are those of jungle fighting in the late war rather than those of peacetime police operations."—Reuter.

A STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED

Singapore, June 16.

A state of emergency was declared today in four rubber-producing areas of the Malay Federation where five men were murdered.

Authorities ordered immediate evacuation of all European women and children from the Sungei Siput district where three British planters were killed. Communists are accused of conducting a reign of terror in this district—one of the four placed under a state of emergency.

Later in the day two prominent Chinese were killed. One was the Kuomintang Party leader in Johore. He was shot by ten men armed with tommy guns. He was the fifth pro-Government Chinese slain in two days. A Chinese contractor was shot near Taiping.

High Commissioner Sir Edward Gent ordered the state of emergency, giving local officials drastic police powers to combat a "serious state of lawlessness." The decree provides the death penalty for unauthorised possession of firearms, ammunition or explosives.

Local officials were granted power to arrest or exclude persons in the four areas, to limit assembly, impose curfews, search persons and premises, close roads and waterways, requisition buildings, boats and vehicles, seize seditious documents and articles which could be used as offensive weapons.

"All Europeans"

The areas involved are the Ipoh and Sungei Siput districts in Perak State in northwest Malaya, and Kluang and Muar districts in Johore in south central Malaya.

The three Britons were killed when a band of 15 men armed with Sten guns and revolvers raided two rubber plantations. J. M. Allison and C. H. Christian were tied with their hands behind their backs and tommy gunned. Police said one gunman said. "We will shoot all Europeans." The other victim was J. E. Walker.

Gurkha troops were despatched to the scene. A $7,000 reward was offered for apprehension of the band of killers.

Expected Pattern

Police reported discovering a dump of 20 grenades and 1,500 rounds of ammunition, 10 miles from Kuala Lumpur, capital of the Malay Federation. They expressed belief that it belonged to Communist guerillas.

Following the latest murders the police at midnight (local time) tonight carried out a raid at Kuala Lumpur, arresting 20 Communist workers in the office of the Communist newspaper, Min Sheng Pao.

Security officials declared here that there was no evidence in Malaya that Russia—"or any other overseas Communist body"—was directing the local Communist challenge to the Malayan Government. The officials added, however; "Events in South East Asia are following the expected pattern after the checking of Communism in Europe."—Associated Press and Reuter.

Banker Miscalculates

Washington, June 16.

T. C. Pan, of the Farmers' Bank of Tsungming, Kiangsu, China, sent the Washington Star CN$100,000 for a month's subscription to the newspaper, but was told it was enough for only one copy.

The Banker sent the CN$100,000 in postage stamps. He said it was for a month's subscription at US$4.50.

After intensive calculation and consultation with the Chinese Embassy and Washington bankers, the Star decided Mr. Pan sent the equivalent of 12 US cents. He was sent one Sunday issue, worth 10 cents. The two extra cents was used to pay part of the postage.—Associated Press.

Confess Murder Of Jews

Bucharest, June 17.

Two youths told a Bucharest court today how they murdered Jews in the 1941 Jassy massacre when they were 15 and 17 years old.

Ion Clonan, the youngest of 31 defendants on trial for the slaying of 10,000 Jews, told how he used an iron bar to murder one Jewish family when he was 15.

Aurel Gramatiuc, 17 at the time, described how he killed several of his schoolmates and closest friends.

Lieut. Col. Danublu Marinescu, charged with preventing the unloading of dead and thus lengthening the torture of the Jews locked inside, pleaded that he had caused the death of several hundred Jews "in order to prevent them from falling into the hands of the Germans."

The Jassy massacre occurred in June, 1941, during Hitler's first invasion of Rumania.—United Press.

London Dock Strike

London, June 16.

London's dock strike eased today with the newly appointed appeal tribunal which expects to hold its first meeting at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

By an official count, 90 ships lay idle in the Thames as 12,000 dock workers remained away from work in protest over the disciplining of 11 men. It was feared that the walkout might spread in the whole port of London if not brought to a quick end.

Eleven men were suspended for seven days and deprived of their "guaranteed attendance money" for 13 weeks because they refused to unload a "dirty" cargo of zinc oxide.

The new tribunal consists of two representatives of the dockers and two of the employees headed by Sir Robert Asken as chairman, Sir Robert, a lawyer, was formerly Deputy Sheriff of Hull and represented Newcastle East as its Liberal M.P.

Thousands of tons of food are lying on the docks and the Ministry of Food was keeping a close watch on the effect of the tie-up on supplies.—United Press.

Sir Ralph Holds An Investiture

Nanking, June 17.

The British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, yesterday presented decorations awarded by King George VI to Air Maj. Gen. Liu Mu-chun, Chief of the Training Command of the Chinese Air Force, and Brig. Gen. Francis G. Brink, Chief of the Joint Advisory Staff of the United States Army Advisory Group.

General Liu was appointed an Honorary Officer of the Military Division of the Order of the British Empire for meritorious services as superviser of the Chinese liaison officers attached to the Royal Air Force during the Burma campaigns, and for his assistance in the compilation of courses of instructions and the handling of many problems of organisation after establishment of a Royal Air Force training mission in Chengtu, capital of Szechuan.

General Brink was made an Honorary Commander of the Order of the British Empire, Military Division.—Reuter-AAP.

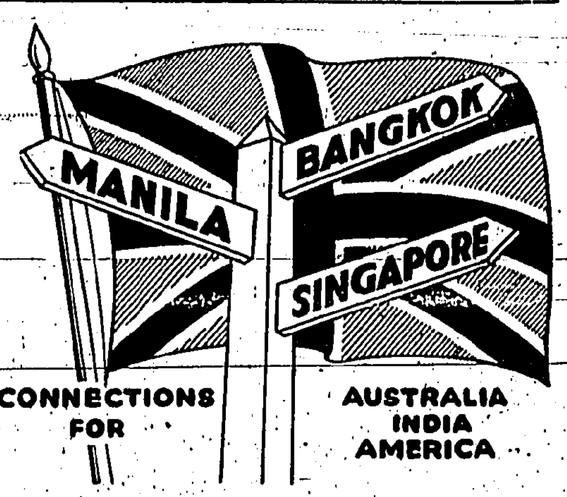
Tiger Gang "Peaceful Citizens"

Bangkok, June 17.

According to local press reports, members of the famous Tiger Gang which has harassed Kanburi, a community about 80 miles west of Bangkok, have decided to become "peace loving citizens."

Recently, the Chief Tiger proposed a meeting which would not only celebrate the fact that the gangsters had managed to survive as long as they have but would provide an opportunity to discuss a plan for entering business as timber traders.

The editors of two Siamese newspapers received invitations to attend the conference. Their invitation gave the exact time and place where the newspapermen would be met by Tiger representatives but stressed the following condition: "No policemen allowed."—United Press.



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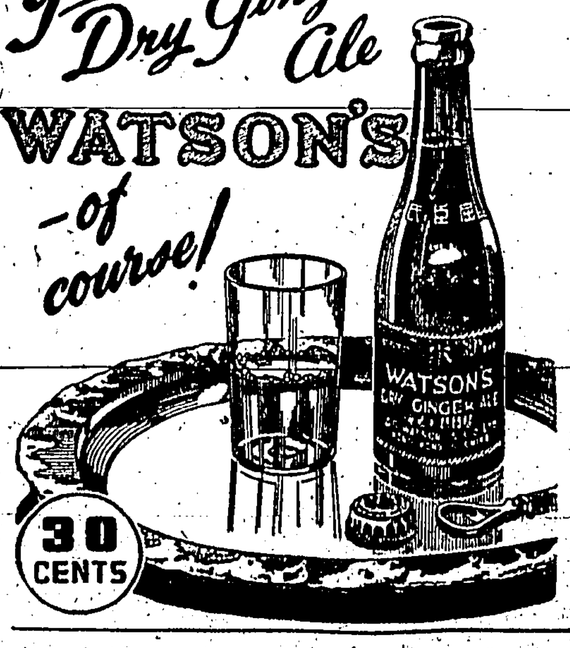

CINEMA WORLD

"I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now"

MELODY-MAKING Joe E. Howard (Mark Stevens) and his musical-comedy co-star Fritzi (Lenore Aubert) sing a duet together, one of the many musical interludes from "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now." (20th Century Fox)

MAKING A MOVIE "FIRE"

By Patricia Clary

One of the trickiest jobs in Hollywood is making sure that when the movie hero crashes over a cliff in a flaming car, he crawls out alive at the bottom.

Jack Erickson is one of the trouble-makers and fixers who has that job. It's all in a day's work for Erickson to set off an explosion that doesn't hurt anyone, start a fire that doesn't scorch anything, collapse a building, blow up a car or arrange a traffic accident.

"The most important thing is not to cause a disaster," Erickson said. "It's to keep the actors from getting hurt while it's being done.

Safe Explosions

Erickson graduated to special effects for Columbia's "The Prince of Thieves," but his real meat is producing the catastrophes that end each episode of serials like Columbia's "The Vigilante."

A safe explosion is one of the easiest jobs, he said.

"We use what we call black powder bombs, made of black rifle powder and silver granules," he explained. "In 'The Vigilante' we used eight of them, ignited by electricity to blow up a car.

For a "safe" outdoor fire Erickson uses carefully controlled butane gas, carried through pipes at 125 pounds pressure to perforated fire pans. You can't see the pans on the screen, of course.

"Liquid" Fire

One of the 100-pound tanks contains enough gas to throw a flame 20 feet high that will burn continuously for five minutes.

"We use liquid fire for fire sequences filmed in the studio," Erickson said. It's easy to control to within a fraction of an inch.

In "The Vigilante," Erickson collapsed a grandstand onto the hero, Ralph Byrd. The grandstand was built in sections, he explained, designed so it could be made to break away. Some of its supports were cut in half by a highly explosive cord wrapped around them which acted like an invisible knife.

Clifftops

Erickson's other feats include blowing up a car in which Byrd and another man are riding, crashing a flaming car filled with passengers over a cliff, setting fire to a barn in which two men are trapped with no apparent escape sending a speeding motorcycle and its rider hurtling over a cliff.

How does he do it?

"That's a trade secret," Erickson smiled.

"Desire Me"

ONE-TIME BROADWAY SENSATION Richard Hart co-stars with Greer Garson in M-G-M's "Desire Me." The Story of a lonely woman and a possessive man, Robert Mitchum is also starred as the husband who returns after being reported dead.

--SHADOWS BEFORE--

"THE ANGEL AND THE BADMAN" (Central).

Stars: John Wayne, Gail Russell.

Story: Back in 1939, a western called "Stagecoach" swept an unknown player to fame, and since then John Wayne has played in dozens of cowboy epics. This film is his first excursion into the field of the producer, and it seems that, either by natural inclination or by force of habit, he has absorbed so much of the Old West atmosphere that he can turn out a creditable—and even a different—Western film. "The Angel and the Badman" is the story of a man bent on revenge (John Wayne) against the gambler Stevens (Bruce Cabot). Wounded in a gun duel, he is given refuge by a Quaker family, and nursed by the Quaker daughter (Gail Russell). Convinced by the Quaker community that he is wasting his time pursuing revenge, he has to take up his trusty Colt again to save the Quakers themselves. It is a refreshingly different approach to a very worn-out story, and it may be that the different approach came from Mr. Wayne himself. It will be good for the cowboys if it did. (Republic).

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"DESIRE ME" (Queen's).

Stars: Greer Garson, Robert Mitchum, Richard Hart.

Story: Marise Aubert (Greer Garson), living in a small fishing village on the Normandy coastline of France, receives word that her husband has died in a Nazi prison camp. Just afterwards a stranger, Jean Renaud (Richard Hart), arrives at the cottage, and she shelters him. Jean, however, (unknown to Marise) has escaped from the camp with Paul (Robert Mitchum), and, infatuated with his friend's wife, left Paul for dead in Germany. Just as he has persuaded Marise to leave Normandy with him Paul (Robert Mitchum) arrives, and in a brisk cliff-top battle (in a fog) deceit is defeated, and Jean goes over the cliff. Such is melodrama. (M-G-M).

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JITTERBUGS" (King's).

Stars: Laurel and Hardy.

Story: Is one necessary? Laurel and Hardy cavort through "Jitterbugs" as they have cavorted through all their previous films—dumb, but amiable. Chased out of a lucrative practice of faking gasoline from water, they join up with a blonde crooner, Susan (Vivian Blaine), and a sharp-as-a-tack young man, Chester. Together they go to New Orleans to recover the money stolen from Susan's mother, and end up singin,' such, for their living on a showboat. The showboat takes matters into its own daddies and goes off down the river with the two heroes and Susan aboard, but rescue comes riding up from Chester. (20th Century Fox).

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"YOUNG WIDOW" (Lee).

Star: Jane Russell, and Louis Hayward.

Story: Young widow Joan Kenwood (Jane Russell) returns from England to live on her aunt's Virginia farm when her husband is killed over Berlin. Afraid to stay there because of the memories it has for her, she takes up her old job of reporting on a New York paper. On the way there she is overtaken by an Air Force lieutenant Jim Cameron (Louis Hayward), who persists in his attentions. Joan is afraid to let herself fall in love with him, but she realises that in trying to help a friend and her fiance solve their difficulties, she is using arguments that could also be applied to herself. Her realisation comes too late, for Jim has already left for Japan, but she decides to wait for him. This is far too sentimental stuff to be called an "honest attempt" to settle one of today's big problems, but in its sticky way it does its best to present a few of the many sides of this particular question. Jane Russell, surprisingly enough, comes through the rather difficult role with quite good honours. The team of Russell and Hayward is a pleasant one to watch. (United Artists).

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"BRUTE FORCE" (Universal).

Stars: Burt Lancaster, Hume Cronyn.

Story: A U.S. Penitentiary is the setting for this grim drama of human passions and their escape. For the main part it is the story of one convict, Joe (Burt Lancaster) and his Cell R-17 prison mates, and their efforts to escape. This is told through a welter of "ratting" convicts, the harsh sadism of the head guard, Munsey (Hume Cronyn), the revenge of the convicts on one of their number (they put him under the hammer of a stamping machine), and flashbacks to the life they knew before imprisonment. The climax of the prison fight and the horror of flaming gasoline and wild machine-gunning is well-photographed—if you can take it. (Universal-International).

"I WONDER WHO'S KISSING HER NOW" (King's).

Stars: Mark Stevens, June Haver.

Story: This is another "biographical" film life of a famous composer, this time Joe E. Howard, who wrote many of the evergreen numbers of the late 19th century. Mr. Howard might not recognise himself, but he makes good screen entertainment. It seems he rose to fame through the machinations of various music-hall stars, and each successive romance was broken up by his home-town sweetie, Katie (June Haver). When Katie has ruined him for good and all he deserts her, whereupon she becomes a leading lady in her own right. When his music becomes famous he is re-united with Katie, now penitent. Likeable Mark Stevens (who played opposite Joan Fontaine in "From This Day Forward") does a good job by Mr. Howard. (20th Century Fox).

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"KING KONG" (Central).

Stars: Fay Wray, Robert Armstrong, Bruce Cabot.

Story: "King Kong" has almost passed into the annals of screen history. Briefly, the story concerns a party of adventurers and picture-makers who go into deepest Africa to make films, and get involved instead with the giant gorilla, King Kong. The gorilla unfortunately develops a deep affection for heroine Fay Wray, and fights off prehistoric monsters to win her. After trouble with the natives the party leaves for America, taking King Kong with them in captivity. He escapes in New York, and in a dizzying climax takes Fay Wray with him up the outside edge of the Empire State Building. Many people will remember this film from its first screening in the early 30's (Released through R.K.O. Radio).

"The Angel And The Badman"

CONVALESCENCE CAN BE SWEET: Quirt Evans (John Wayne) finds refuge with the Quaker Worth family after being shot up by his gangster rival. Penny Worth is played by Gail Russell, and Mrs. Worth by Irene Rich. (Republic)

BRITISH PREMIERE NEWS

BY NORMA ALEXANDER

While at Pinewood I found Richard Attenborough wearing the latest spivvery in a state of acute vexation.

"You know that £300 that Sheila and I won on Sheila's Cottage in the Grand National . . ?"

"Don't tell me you've got some of it left?" I interrupted.

"Well, we had," he continued; "we spent the last 20gns. on scats for the 'Hamlet' premiere. Now the studio says I can't go. I have to murder Eleanor Summerfield that night in Burnham Beeches."

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Another "disappointment party" took place recently. Eleanor Parker, star of "The Voice of the Turtle," has come all the way from Hollywood for the film's British premiere.

Alas, the turtle is billed but cannot coo. Warners planned to score over the other American companies by making this the first post-tax picture to be shown here. At the moment they are still bogged down in Customs formalities. Miss Parker, done out of her premiere, is throwing a party instead.

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Latest story of the fabulous Gabriel (Cæsar-and-Cleopatra) Pascal sounds true, though it cannot be checked.

Seeking types in Ireland for a film of "St. Francis of Assisi," he visited a local monastery.

Several monks were presented to him privately, but "Gabby" wasn't satisfied. "Where are all ze ozzers?" he cried. "I must see all, all?"

So they tolled the bell, and gathered in all the brothers from their various monastic occupations.

Slowly and sadly "Gabby" inspected their ranks. "No," he said finally, "eet is no good. Zey are not enough spiritual."

Students of fencing will find much to interest them in LAURENCE OLIVIER'S presentation of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" on the screen. Dennis Lorraine, one of the world's foremost authorities on swordplay, arranged the duel scene and worked out a record routine of more than 300 movements, coaching Laurence Olivier as Hamlet and Terence Morgan (*Laertes*) for many days. To produce the most spectacular effects and maintain historical accuracy, several medieval styles were included. These were designed according to descriptions found in ancient Scandinavian volumes about swordsmanship.

Current Shows

QUEEN'S: "Golden Earrings" (Paramount). Wartime spy drama, starring Marlene Dietrich and Ray Milland.

KING'S: "The Seventh National Athletic Meet." Documentary programme.

LEE: "Against the Wind" (Ealing Studios). Story of saboteurs in Nazi-occupied Belgium.

ALHAMBRA: "Golden Earrings."

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RETURN ENGAGEMENT

"Green Dolphin Street" (M-G-M) will return to the Queen's Theatre for one day next week, to permit those who missed it during its recent screening to have an opportunity of seeing it.

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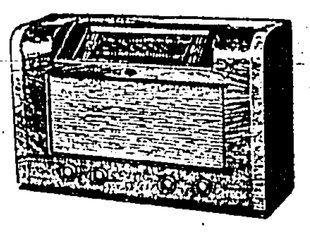

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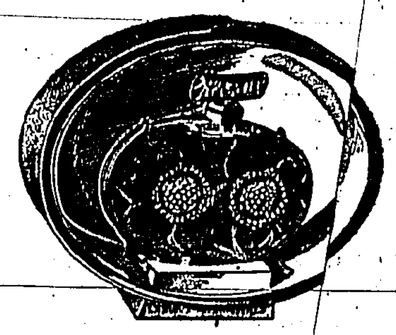

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BREACH OF CONFIDENCE?
Dutch Call Off Indonesia Negotiations

PUBLICATION OF DOCUMENT ANGERS

Batavia, June 16.

The Dutch authorities today suspended talks for a political settlement in Indonesia which have been going on with a Republican delegation for the past six months under United Nations auspices.

They also rejected the suggestions put forward by the United Nations good offices committee for an overall settlement intended to bypass some of the problems delaying the negotiations.

At the same time, Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, the Netherlands Lieutenant Governor General General, began direct talks with Dr. Mohammed Hatta, the Republican Premier. Dr. Hatta was expected by observers in Batavia to support the good offices committee's proposals.

A communique issued by the good offices committee today quoted the Dutch reasons for suspending the negotiations "for the time being" as "the publication of a strictly confidential document, handed by Mr. Coert Du Bois (the American member of the committee) to Dr. Van Mook on June 10."

This document was understood at the time to contain the committee's overall proposals. Mr. Du Bois said today he had given no information to the news agencies (not Reuter) alleged to have published the document. Dr. Mohamed Roem said neither he nor the Republican delegation he leads knew anything about it.

The Belgian member of the United Nations committee, M. Raymond Hecremans, said that if the document was given to the press, it was a matter of exceptional seriousness, and no one could blame the Dutch for their action.

Sidetracking?

A Republican statement suggested that the Dutch move gave the impression they "hoped to sidetrack the present negotiations and bypass the good offices committee by starting direct negotiations between Dr. Hatta and Dr. Van Mook." The statement added that Dr. Hatta "decidedly did not intend" to bypass his delegation.

The two leaders met for 90 minutes today and will resume their discussions tomorrow morning.

(A Dutch Government communique from The Hague today said they had rejected the good offices committee's proposals because many points conflicted with the truce principles accepted by both sides last January. No one had asked the committee to make suggestions at the present stage and their initiative had made a solution more difficult, the communique added).

Reliable informants at Batavia predicted that Dr. Van Mook might offer Dr. Hatta the majority of the portfolios in the present Dutch (non-Republican) Federal Government. They thought a total breakdown in Dutch - Republican negotiations might follow today's talks between the two leaders and that the dispute might be referred back to the Security Council.

Blockade

It was at one time hoped that all differences might be settled by the beginning of June to allow the proposed United States of Indonesia and the Netherlands-Indonesian Union to be proclaimed by Jan. 1.

In another Republican statement today, the Minister of Information, Dr. Mohamed Nasir, alleged that the Dutch blockade against the Republic was as intense now as before the truce agreement was signed on board the United States warship Renville.

The Republic "would resist with all the power at its disposal" so long as the Dutch maintained a standpoint on the Renville agreement which would "virtually mean the liquidation of the Republic," he added.—Reuter.

Bollaert Off To Paris

Paris, June 16.

M. Emile Bollaert, the French High Commissioner for Indo-China, will leave Saigon for Paris on Monday.

M. Bollaert, who recently signed the agreement recognising Vietnam's independence within the French Union, is expected to meet Bao Dai, ex-Emperor of Annam, in Cannes next month.

General Chevance Bertin, President of the Commission of National Defence of the French Union's Assembly, has also left for Paris after conducting a two-months enquiry in Indo-China.—Reuter.

NANKING SECRET SESSION

Nanking, June 16.

The Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, testifying today before a secret session of the Foreign Affairs Committee, declined to state that China's foreign policy was absolutely anti-Russian.

He said it was true that Russian policy was assisting Communism abroad, but he added he believed Russia was limiting such assistance to an extent which "will not constitute a sufficient cause for another war."

The Foreign Minister refused to answer a question whether China would side with the Western bloc in the event of a future war against the Soviet Union, implying by his non-committal attitude that the nation will not adopt a policy openly hostile towards Russia until a conflict was resolved.

Dr. Wang, commenting on Sino-American relations, deprecated the recent student agitation as trivial and believed that an understanding with the United States on Japan will be reached.—Reuter-AAP.

Haifa, June 16.

Gen. Sir John Crooker, General Officer Commanding British troops, Middle East, arrived in Haifa from Egypt this morning.

The General inspected Haifa docks where the British evacuation is going on at full speed.—Associated Press.

US Warns Arabs

Washington, June 16.

The United States has reiterated to Egypt and Syria that it does not recognise the blockade those countries have instituted along the coast of Palestine "and will proceed accordingly," Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, disclosed today.

Both Syria and Egypt have rejected a former American protest on this subject.

Now the United States view has been repeated to both the Syrian and Egyptian Governments by American diplomats in those countries, Mr. Marshall told his press conference.—Reuter.

BRITISH NOTE TO RUMANIA

London, June 16.

The Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, reported today that Britain has delivered an official note and "strong representations" to Rumania over the arrest and secret detention of Alexander Evans, British oil expert.

Mr. Bevin told the House of Commons, in response to questions, that the British Consul in Bucharest had been denied an opportunity to see Evans and that questions about the oil expert's arrest had drawn "evasive replies" from Rumanian authorities.

"I have given instructions that the representations must be pressed to give Evans an opportunity of clearing himself and for the British Consul to see Evans immediately," Mr. Bevin said.—Associated Press.

Constitutional Reform In Sudan

London, June 16.

Sir Robert Howe, Governor-General of the Sudan, is taking immediate steps to give effect to constitutional reform there.

This follows the statement by Mr. C. P. Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the Commons on Monday that as no answer had been received from the Egyptian Government regarding their willingness to cooperate in the proposed constitutional reforms the British Government would no longer stand in the way of the Governor-General doing as he thought fit about the promulgation of the proposed ordinance.

It is now expected that the draft ordinance will be enacted in the Governor-General's Council in the very near future. It will then be promulgated by publication in the official Gazette and will thereafter enter into force immediately.

The need for reform in the Sudan is so urgent that it is felt that neither the Governor-General nor the British Government lay themselves open to the charge of undue haste by taking action now.

Although the British Ambassador in Cairo and the Egyptian Foreign Minister had formed a committee to meet the Egyptian point of view and to provide for greater participation in the political development of the Sudan by Egypt and had reached agreement by May 28, the Egyptian Government has failed to give their approval to that agreement.—Associated Press.

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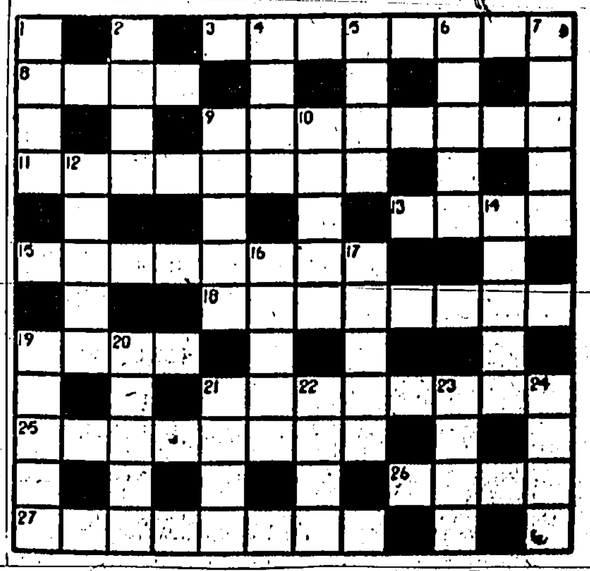

Clues Across

3 Frightened. 8 Leave out. 9 Reduce to a lower rank. 11 Came into view. 13 Disorder. 15 Retaliation. 18 Slow. 19 Inclination. 21 Menace. 25 Heating apparatus. 26 Beak. 27 Platter.

Clues Down

1 Roll. 2 Flaccid. 4 Rank. 5 Regretted. 6 Depart. 7 Lees. 9 Swift. 10 Lawful. 12 Portion. 14 Jollification. 16 Spectacle. 17 Stratum. 19 Headdress. 20 Jog. 21 Transparent mineral. 22 Garment. 23 Neat. 24 Having no legal force.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across:—1 Medium, 4 Amble, 7 Contempt, 8 Elite, 9 Warren, 11 Tedious, 13 Reproof, 15 Foment, 18 Merit, 19 Accusing, 20 Sheen, 21 Sorter.
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—Reuter.

US And Soviet Among The Three

Washington, June 16.

Eight nations of the Far Eastern Commission have approved the level of industry proposal for Japan now before the group.

Powerful opposition continued, led by the United States. China and Russia have also refused to accept the proposal which would declare the Allies' position on what size industrial structure Japan should be permitted after the formal peace.

The eight nations that have expressed approval are the Philippines; India, United Kingdom, Australia, the Netherlands, France, New Zealand and Canada.

Some members called this "the most important question before the Commission."

The line-up on the issue was learned after today's Commission session—the weekly meeting held a day ahead of time.

It seemed unlikely that the industry question came up at today's session since the group met for only a few minutes because its chairman, General Frank McCoy of the U.S., was confined to bed with "a bad cold."

In accordance with its usual policy, the Commission declined to indicate what, if any, business was considered. An authoritative source said, "There were no decisions."

Pessimistic

Another matter long before the Commission is the problem of returning to their rightful owners, looted objects discovered in Japan. China is the most interested nation. It is understood the US and China have undertaken direct negotiations.

The atmosphere around the industry level proposal is pessimistic in so far as reaching a final agreement is concerned. Although the US is understood not to have declared its final position, other members appear to believe the US will not accept the proposal as written.

The proposal would authorise an industrial level below that of the Strike report. The "American view at present tends toward a higher level to enable Nippon to recover more quickly.—Associated Press.

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NY Stock Market

New York, June 17.

Steady selling pressure kept stocks down despite several feeble efforts to climb. It was the most decisive setback in nearly two weeks. Even long popular oils joined the retreat. A handful of issues showed independent strength, some reaching new highs for the year.

Sales were 1,580,000 shares. Losers included Paramount, whose second quarter earnings showed more than a seasonal drop, off 1¾ at 21¾. Another heavy loser was Montgomery Ward, after the fourth top executive resigned since May 1 in what appeared to be a fight for control of the mail order house. Patino Mines hit a new high, gaining 1¼ at 14¾.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 70.81, 20 Industrials 192.34, 16 Rails 60.86, 10 Utilities 36.00.

Closing quotations: Adams Express 21¾, Alaska Juneau 3¾, American Can 85¾, American Smelting 66, American Telephone 156½, American Tobacco 81¾, American Waterworks 7¾, Anaconda Copper 39¾, Aviation Corp. 6½, Baldwin Locomotive 16¼, Barnsdall 43¾, Bendix Aviation 36¾, Bethlehem Steel 36, Boeing Aircraft 25½, Borden Co. 43¾, Canadian Pacific 18¾, J.I. Case 48¾, Chrysler 64½, Colgate 41¾, Commercial Solvents 27, Corn Products 81¾, Dupont 187, Eastman Kodak 44½, Electric Light & Power 21¾, General Electric 41¾, General Motors 63¾, Goodrich 59½, Goodyear 44¾, Homestake Mining 87¾, International Harvester 33¾, International Paper 61¼, International Tel. & Tel. 14¾, Johns Manville 41¾, Kennecott Copper 69½, Montgomery Ward 59¾, National Distillers 20, National Lead 37¾, New York Central 16¾, Packard Motors 5, Pan-American Airways 10½, Pennsylvania RR 20½, Radio Corp. 14¾, Real Silk 13⅞, Republic Steel 30⅝, Reynolds Tobacco 37⅛, Schenley 30¾, Sears Roebuck 40⅞, Shell Oil 45½, Socony Vacuum 22⅞, Southern Pacific 69½, Standard Brands 28¾, Standard Oil of Calif. 72¾, Standard Oil of N.J. 91¾, Union Bag 38, Union Carbide 42½, U.S. Rubber 46¾, U.S. Steel 81½, U.S. Lines 17¾, Westinghouse 32¼, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 85¼, Gen. Pub. Utilities 14¾.—Associated Press.

Money Market

Gold operators were uncertain and the tendency was on the downward trend yesterday, as the market opened at $327.25 a tael and dropped to $326.00 shortly afterwards. At the close it was $326.37½.

Highest and lowest rates of the day was $328.00 and $326.00 respectively.

Deliveries totalled 5,930 taels, of which 1,930 were official and 4,000 unofficial.

Piastres opened at $11.40 and closed at $11.32½ a 100.

Chinese National Currency opened at 32¾ cents for futures and 37 cents for spot (for CN$10,000) and remained unchanged throughout the day.

Ticals were unchanged at $25.80 a 100, and NEI Guilders remained at $45.90 a 100.

U.S. dollars continued quiet at $5.45.

Sterling was firmer at $13.80, and Australian pounds dropped slightly to $13.54.

SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London:—Silver, Spot, fine ounce, 45d; Forward, fine ounce, 45d; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce 172/3.

New York:—Silver, Bar (asked price) 74⅜ cts.; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce (official) $35.

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Paris Free Gold Prices:—Napoleon 4,025 frs.; French 10 franc coins 1,800; Swiss franc 3,850; Union Latine 3,675; Sovereign 5,050; Half Sovereigns 2,250; U.S. Dollar coin ($20) 19,700; U.S. Dollar coin ($10) 9,350; Sovereigns (in free dollars per ounce) $69.1; Napoleons (in free dollars per ounce) $70.0; U.S. Dollar notes (in black-market) 344/347.

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CANNOT USE THEIR EX-HANGAR

Washington, June 17.

The House Appropriations Committee today sharply criticized reports that United States planes are not being allowed to use the hangar at Rome airport which was sold to Italy by the United States. It was alleged that the hangar was turned over by the Italian Government to a British airline.

Representative Karl Stefan said, "American airlines tried to use it but were not allowed. Here is a British airline, which in effect was subsidized through an American loan, denying the use of the hangar to an American airline."

The charges were made in closed hearings of the committee on the deficiency of appropriation for the office of the Foreign Liquidation Commissioner.—United Press.

N.Y. RUBBER

New York, June 17.

Rubber closed 10 to 21 higher with sales of 191 contracts.

July	22.10 bid
September	22.30
December	22.20

No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 23 nominal.—Associated Press.

UNFREEZING

New Delhi, June 17.

Pandit Nehru and French Ambassador Daniel Levi today signed an agreement providing for release of assets frozen in each other's territory during the war.—Associated Press.

HIGH PRICE DANGER

Washington, June 16.

Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan said huge Government purchases of grain, cotton, fats and other commodities for European recovery might have a sharp impact on the American market.

He told a special House Investigating Committee his Department would try to influence the market "as little as possible."

Chairman August Andresen, Republican of Minnesota, said Minnesota millers are complaining they cannot get enough grain to keep operating more than three days a week because of government grain purchases for overseas shipment.—Associated Press.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, June 17.

Grains were active and strong. Margin requirements were lowered, effective on Thursday. Wheat closed 1 ¾ to 2 ¾ higher.

July and Sept.	$2.31-½
December	$2.31 ¾-$2.32
May	2.29½-¾

Corn was 1 ⅛ to 2 ⅛ higher.

July	$2.20 ⅛-¼

Oats were ¾ to one higher.

July	94 ⅝-¾

Soybeans were ½ to four higher.

July	$4.11

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"NINGHAI"	Inchon & Kobe	4 p.m. 22nd June
"KWEIYANG"	Swatow, Amoy Swatow, Saigon, Singapore & Penang	noon 22nd June
"TSINAN"	Swatow	4 p.m. 22nd June *
"YOCHOW"	Singapore, Palembang, Macassar, Sourabaya, Semarang & Batavia	4 p.m. 25th June

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ARRIVALS FROM

"KWEIYANG"	Singapore	20th June
"TSINAN"	Swatow	a.m. 21st June
"YOCHOW"	Shanghai, Amoy & Swatow	24th June

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CATC ex-Shanghai: 10 a.m.
CATHAY PACIFIC ex-Manila: 1 p.m.: ex-Macao: 6.25 p.m.
H.K. AIRWAYS ex-Shanghai: 3 p.m.: Canton: 10.55 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 3.35 p.m., 5.55 p.m.
PAN-AMERICAN ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Shanghai: 12.50 p.m.

TOMORROW

CNAC ex-Shanghai: 11.45 a.m.: Shanghai via Foochow, Amoy, Swatow, Canton: 3.10 p.m.: Amoy via Swatow: 1.15 p.m.: Canton: 4.20 p.m., 6.45 p.m.
CATC ex-Shanghai: 10 a.m.
CATHAY PACIFIC ex-Macao: 11.55 a.m., 3.25 p.m., 6.25 p.m.
H.K. AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 10.55 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 3.35 p.m., 5.55 p.m.
PHILIPPINE AIRLINES ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Guam: 12 noon.
BOAC ex-Singapore: 4.30 p.m.: ex-Iwakuni: 4.30 p.m.
AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon: 2 p.m.
AIR TRANSPORT ex-Brussels/Bangkok.

SUNDAY

CNAC ex-Shanghai: 10.45 a.m., 11.45 a.m.: Amoy via Swatow: 1.55 p.m.: Canton: 4.20 p.m., 6.45 p.m.
CATC ex-Shanghai: 10 a.m.
CATHAY PACIFIC ex-Singapore, Bangkok: 3 p.m.: Macao: 11.55 a.m., 3.25 p.m., 6.25 p.m.
H.K. AIRWAYS ex-Shanghai: 3 p.m.: Canton: 10.55 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 3.35 p.m., 5.55 p.m.
BOAC ex-Southampton/Bangkok: 2.30 p.m.

Departures

TODAY

CNAC for Shanghai: 12.45 p.m.: Shanghai via Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow: 8.30 a.m.: Amoy via Swatow: 8 a.m.: Canton: 2.15 p.m., 4.40 p.m.
CATC for Shanghai: 8 a.m.
CATHAY PACIFIC for Singapore via Bangkok: 7 a.m.: Macao: 5 p.m.
H.K. AIRWAYS for Canton: 9 a.m., 11.20 a.m., 1.40 p.m., 4 p.m.
PAN-AMERICAN for New York via Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Damascus, Istanbul, London: 2 p.m.
BOAC for Singapore: 7.30 a.m.: for Bangkok, Singapore: 9.30 a.m.

TOMORROW

CNAC for Shanghai: 12.45 p.m.: Amoy via Swatow: 8 a.m.: Canton: 2.15 p.m., 4.40 p.m.
CATC for Shanghai: 7 a.m.
CATHAY PACIFIC for Macao: 10.35 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m.
H.K. AIRWAYS for Shanghai: 10 a.m.: Canton: 9 a.m., 11.20 a.m., 1.40 p.m., 4 p.m.
PAN-AMERICAN for New York via Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Damascus, Istanbul, London: 3.15 p.m.
PHILIPPINE AIRLINES for San Francisco via Guam, Honolulu: 1 p.m.

SUNDAY

CNAC for Shanghai: 12.45 p.m.: Rangoon via Kunming: 11.25 a.m.: Amoy via Swatow, Tainan: 9.20 a.m.: Amoy via Swatow: 8 a.m.: Canton: 2.15 p.m., 4.40 p.m.
CATC for Shanghai.
CATHAY PACIFIC for Macao: 10.30 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m.
H.K. AIRWAYS for Canton: 9 a.m., 11.20 a.m., 1.40 p.m., 4 p.m.
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Macao, 8 a.m.
Swatow, 9 a.m.
Straits and Rangoon, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Swatow and Foochow, 2 p.m.
Canton (2nd class mail only), 2 p.m.
Straits, 2 p.m.
Shanghai, 3 p.m.
Macao, 4 p.m.
Canton (Parcels & 2nd class mail), 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19.
Closing Times By Air

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Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea and Train
Macao, 8 a.m.
Straits, 10 a.m.
Formosa via Takao and Parcels only for Canada via Vancouver B.C., 10 a.m.
Shanghai, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada), (Reg. and Ord.) 1.30 p.m., (Ord.) 2 p.m.
Japan (Ord. Western & cards only), 12 noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Canton (2nd class mail only), 2 p.m.
Manila, Aden and Marseilles, 2 p.m.
Macao, 4 p.m.

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Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

HEINRICH JESSEN (R.I.L.), Dutch, from Amoy, Swatow
HINDUSTAN (Jardine), British, from Australia ..... K. Whf.
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PIONEER SEA (U.S.L.), American, ex-Manila A11
SANDVIKEN (Jebsens), Norwegian, from Holbow D8
VESTEROY (Thoresen), Norwegian, 3,113 Tons, ex-Manila, Capt. A. Andresen ..... K. Whf.

TODAY.

BENGAL (Gilman) from Kobe, Shanghai A10
DONA AURORA (De La Rama) from Atlantic Ports.
HAIYANG (Douglas) from Foochow, Swatow ..... Dougl. Whf.
HANYANG (B. & S.) from Tientsin, Shanghai, Foochow B14
LINFIELD VICTORY (Jardine) from San Francisco ..... K. Whf.
MOUNT DAVIS (A.P.L.) from U.S. ports.
NINGHAI (B. & S.) from Singapore A18
PRES. CLEVELAND (A.P.L.) from San Francisco ..... K. Whf.
SHENGKING (B. & S.) from Shanghai ..... Curt. Whf.

TOMORROW

E-SANG (Jardine) from Shanghai, Keelung.
FOOCHOW (B. & S.) from Shanghai.
NELLORE (Mac. Mac.) from Japan, Shanghai.
SIRDHANA (Mac. Mac.) from Japan, Amoy.

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YESTERDAY

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BENGAL (Gilman) for Europe.
BENLOMOND (Loxley) for Manila.
CARRICK BEND (Everett) for S'gapore.
CHUNG KAI (C.M.S.N.) for Shanghai.
FOOCHOW (B. & S.) for Singapore.
HAI HSUAN for Canton.
HAN MIU (C.M.S.N.) for Bangkok.
LAKE TATLA (Jardine) for Vancouver.
MASHATE (S. China) for Halphong.
STANVAC 312 (Socony) for Tsingtao.
STRAAT MALAKKA (R.I.L.) for Manila.

TODAY

BENGAL (Gilman) for European ports.
EASTERN SAGA (Jardine), for S'gapore.
HOPEVILLE (Thoresen) for Manila.
LINFIELD VICTORY (Jardine) for Pacific coast.
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TSINAN (B. & S.) for Swatow.

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HEINRICH JESSEN (R.I.L.) for Java ports via Straits.
KOREA (East Asiatic) for Aden and other European ports.
LAKE COWICHAN (Jardine) for Vancouver via Shanghai.
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DONA AURORA (De La Rama) ex-Atlantic Coast ..... July 18
GERTRUDE MAERSK ex-New York ..... July 24
IVARAN (Wallem) ex-New York ..... July 24
MARCHEN MAERSK (Jebsen) ex-New York ..... July 27
PIONEER BAY (U.S.L.) ex-New York ..... July 24
SILVERBRIAR (R.I.L.) ex-U.S. and Atlantic Ports ..... July 23
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Kowloon, 5 p.m.
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STEEL DESIGNER (Gilman) ex-Atlantic Coast ..... End
STEEL DIRECTOR (Gilman) ex-Atlantic Ports 25
STEELMAKER (Gilman) ex-Atlantic Ports 2
STOCKHOLT (Wallem) ex-New York 11
TONGHAI (De La Rama) ex-Atlantic Coast ..... Early July

PACIFIC COAST

BOUGAINVILLE (Bank Line) from Pacific Coast ..... June 23
CLYDE L. SEAVEY (Gilman) ex-Pacific Coast 24
DONA AURORA (De La Rama) ex-Atlantic Ports via Los Angeles 18
GERTRUDE MAERSK (Jebsen) ex-New York 24
LINFIELD VICTORY (Jardine) ex-San Francisco 18
MOUNT DAVIS (A.P.L.) ex-San Francisco 19
NEW ZEALAND VICTORY (Jardine) ex-San Francisco 25
PRES. CLEVELAND (A.P.L.) ex-San Francisco 18
PRES. GRANT (A.P.L.) ex-San Francisco 22
PRES. PIERCE (A.P.L.) ex-San Francisco 28
WASHINGTON MAIL (Everett) from U.S. 22
..... July
GREAT REPUBLIC (U.S.L.) ex-San Francisco 6
MARINE LEOPARD (A.P.L.) ex-San Francisco 18
MOUNT ROGERS (A.P.L.) ex-San Francisco 1
PRES. BUCHANAN (A.P.L.) ex-San Francisco 22
PRES. FILMORE (A.P.L.) ex-San Francisco 9
STEEL MAKER (Gilman) ex-Pacific Coast 2
STEEL DIRECTOR (Gilman) ex-Pacific Coast 26
STEEL DESIGNER (Gilman) ex-Pacific Coast ..... End

AUSTRALIA

NELLORE (Mac. Mac.) ex-Sydney .. June 22
SOOCHOW (B. & S.) ex-Australia .. 28
KAFIRISTAN (Jardine) from Brisbane ..... July End

CHINA

E-SANG (Jardine) ex-Shanghai and Keelung ..... June 19
FOOCHOW (B. & S.) ex-Shanghai .. 19
HANYANG (B. & S.) ex-Tientsin and Shanghai 18
MARIEKERK (R.I.L.) ex-Shanghai .. 29
MOUNT DAVIS (A.P.L.) ex-Shanghai 18
NELLORE (Mac. Mac.) from Japan via Shanghai 19
NINGHAI (B. & S.) ex-Swatow .. 18
OZARDA (Mac. Mac.) ex-Shanghai .. 20
SHENGKING (B. & S.) ex-Shanghai 18
TSINAN (B. & S.) ex-Swatow .. 21
YOCHOW (B. & S.) ex-Shanghai .. 24
HAIYANG (Douglas) for Swatow .. July 25

EUROPE

AGAMEMNON (B. & S.) ex-U.K. via U.S.A. ..... June 24
TREVOSE (Mac. Mac.) ex-U.K., Continent via Straits 24
ATREUS (B. & S.) ex-U.K. via Straits July 1
BENARES (Gilman) ex-U.K. 5
BENVRACKIE (Loxley) ex-Europe Early July
BENVENUE (Loxley) ex-U.K. ... Mid.
GLENARTNEY (Jardine) ex-U.K. .. 5
NAGARA (Gilman) ex-U.K. ..... End
PRIAM (B. & S.) ex-U.K. 11
TREVETHOE (Mac. Mac.) ex-U.K. and Continent 20
..... Aug.
BENDORAN (Loxley) ex-U.K. .. Early

INDIA

KUT SANG (Jardine) ex-Calcutta .. June 25
SANGOLA (Mac. Mac.) from Calcutta ..... July 13
SIRDHANA (Mac. Mac.) from Calcutta 4

JAPAN

LOK SANG (Jardine) ex-Yokohama and Keelung ..... June 21
MARIEKERK (R.I.L.) ex-Japan .. 29
MOUNT DAVIS (A.P.L.) ex-Kobe, Yokohama 18
OZARDA (Mac. Mac.) ex-Japan .. 20
..... July
SIRDHANA (Mac. Mac.) ex-Japan, Amoy 19
TREVEAN (P. & O.) ex-Japan 8

SOUTH-EAST PORTS

KUT SANG (Jardine) ex-Straits and Saigon ..... June 25
KWEIYANG (B. & S.) ex-S'pore .. 20
NINGHAI (B. & S.) ex-Singapore .. July 18
ATREUS (B. & S.) ex-U.K., Straits 1
SIRDHANA (Mac. Mac.) ex-Straits .. 22

SOUTH AMERICA

TEGELBERG (R.I.L.) from S. Africa 22
..... July
RUYS (R.I.L.) Via South Africa .. End

SAILINGS TO

AFRICA

July
12 TEGELBERG (R.I.L.) for S. Africa.
Aug.
Mid. RUYS (R.I.L.) for S. Africa.

AMERICA
ATLANTIC COAST

June
16 PIONEER SEA (U.S.L.) for New York.
20 DARTMOUTH VICTORY (A.P.L.) to New York.
20 MOUNT DAVIS (A.P.L.) for San Francisco.
20 TAI SHAN (Dodwell) for New York.
21 DONA AURORA (De La Rama) for Atlantic Ports.
25 SILVERBRIAR (R.I.L.) for U.S. Ports via Shanghai.
26 IVARAN (Wallem) for New York via Panama.
28 LAURA MAERSK for New York (Jebsen)
28 KYSNA (Wallem) for New York.
29 HALLAND (De La Rama) to Atlantic Coast.

July
1 PIONEER TIDE (U.S.L.) for New York.
2 MOUNT ROGERS (A.P.L.) for San Francisco.
5 CAPE SAN DIEGO (Gilman) for Atlantic Ports.
6 PRES. TAFT (A.P.L.) for San Francisco.
12 PRES. HARDING (A.P.L.) to New York.
12 TEGELBERG (R.I.L.) to S. America.
14 PIONEER BAY (U.S.L.) for New York.
Mid. MAIDEN CREEK (Wallem) for New York.
15 STOCKHOLM (Wallem) for New York.
20 PRES. BUCHANAN (A.P.L.) for San Francisco.
26 CAPE SAN MARTIN (Gilman) to Atlantic Ports.

Aug.
Mid. PRES. McKINLEY (A.P.L.) for San Francisco.
Mid. LASALLE (Wallem) for New York.
17 A. VESSEL (Wallem), for New York.
Sept.
Mid. PRES. TYLER ex-New York.

PACIFIC COAST

June
18 LINFIELD VICTORY (Jardine) for Pacific Coast.
19 PRES. CLEVELAND (A.P.L.) to San Francisco.
23 PRES. GRANT (A.P.L.) to San Francisco.
25 MOUNT DAVIS (A.P.L.) for San Francisco.
26 HALLAND (De La Rama) to San Francisco.

July
5 GEN. MEIGS (A.P.L.) to San Francisco via Shanghai.
6 FRANCISVILLE (Bank Line) for Francisco.
7 GREAT REPUBLIC (U.S.L.) to San Pacific Coast.
12 PRES. HARDING (A.P.L.) to San Francisco.
17 PRES. WILSON (A.P.L.) to San Francisco.

August
Early. VITO ..... (Moller)
6 BOUGAINVILLE (Bank Line) for Pacific Coast.

AUSTRALIA

June
24 HINDUSTAN (Jardine) for Sydney.

CANADA

June
19 LAKE COWICHAN (Jardine) to Vancouver via Shanghai.

CHINA

June
19 LAKE COWICHAN (Jardine) for Shanghai, Vancouver.
19 PRES. CLEVELAND (A.P.L.) for Shanghai.
20 HIGHWANG (Jardine) to Shanghai
20 PIONEER SEA (U.S.L.) to Shanghai
20 SHENGKING (B. & S.) for Shanghai
21 E-SANG (Jardine) to Keelung and Shanghai.
21 HAIYANG (Douglas) for Swatow, Shanghai.
21 SZECHUAN (B. & S.) for Swatow.
22 HANYANG (B. & S.) to Shanghai via Foochow.
22 KWEIYANG (B. & S.) to Swatow and Amoy.
22 TSINAN (B. & S.) to Swatow.
25 SILVERBRIAR (R.I.L.) for Shanghai, U.S.
26 HANYANG (B. & S.) for Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai.
28 KUTSANG (Jardine) to Shanghai.
28 TEGELBERG (R.I.L.) for Shanghai, Japan.
28 TREVOSE (Mac. Mac.) for Shanghai

July
6 GLENARTNEY (Jardine) to S'hai.
7 SIRDHANA (Mac. Mac.) for Amoy, Shanghai.
17 PRES. WILSON (A.P.L.) for S'hai.

EUROPE

June
19 KOREA (East Asiatic) for Aden, Port Said, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Oslo, Copenhagen.
21 ANDRE LEBON (M.M.) for Marseilles.
24 AGAMEMNON (B. & S.) for U.K. via Port Said.
25 MYRMIDON (B. & S.) for U.K. via Casablanca.
30 MARIEKERK (R.I.L.) for Europe via Straits.

July
Early BENVRACKIE (Loxley) for U.K.
2 DENBIGSHIRE (Jardine) for U.K.
5 TREVEAN (Mac. Mac.) for U.K. and Continent via Straits.
16 PRIAM (B. & S.) for U.K.
16 BENARES (Gilman) for Europe.
27 TREVOSE (Mac. Mac.) for Europe.

Aug.
Early. BENVENUE (Loxley) to U.K.
7 CANTON (Mac. Mac.) ex-U.K.
Mid. NAGARA (Gilman) for Europe.

JAPAN

June
18 BENGAL (Gilman) for Oslo, Gothenburg via Aden, Port Said, Genoa.
19 PRES. CLEVELAND (A.P.L.) for Yokohama, San Francisco.
22 NINGHAI (B. & S.) to Japan.
25 TEGELBERG (R.I.L.) for Japan via
24 TEGELBERG (R.I.L.) for Japan via Shanghai.
28 KUTSANG (Jardine) Yokohama via Shanghai.

July
7 SIRDHANA (Mac. Mac.) to Japan.
6 GLENARTNEY (Jardine) to Japan.

KOREA

June
22 NINGHAI (B. & S.) to Inchon and Pusan.
25 CHOYSANG (Jardine) to Inchon and Pusan.

SOUTH-EAST PORTS

June
10 HEINRICH JESSEN (R.I.L.) to Java via Straits.
19 SZECHUEN (B. & S.) for Saigon and Bangkok.
20 MOUNT DAVIS (A.P.L.) for Manila, Singapore, Bombay, Mediterranean Ports, New York.
ANDRE LEBON (Mess. M.) for Saigon, Marseilles.
22 HAI HSUAN (C.M.S.N.) to Singapore and Bangkok.
22 KWEIYANG (B. & S.) to Saigon, Singapore and Penang.
23 OZARDA (Mac. Mac.) for Bombay via Straits.
23 HAI HSIA (C.M.S.N.) to Singapore.
24 PIONEER BAY (U.S.L.) for Manila.
25 LOK SANG (Jardine) for Calcutta via Straits.
26 MAU SANG (Jardine) to Sandakan.

July
7 MARIEKERK (R.I.L.) for Europe via Straits.
7 STAGHOUND (U.S.L.) for Manila.
15 SANGOLA (Mac. Mac.) for Calcutta via Straits.
23 COURSER (U.S.L.) for Manila.

SOUTH AMERICA

July
11 TEGELBERG (R.I.L.) to S. America.

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HASSETT SCORES A CENTURY

Northampton, June 17.

Australia added two more runs to their overnight score of 260 for four when lunch was taken today in their match against Northamptonshire, wh m they dismissed yesterday for 119 runs.

Fine rain fell early this morning and the weather was still showery when the second day's play was due to begin, causing a delay in resumption.

Play eventually began 25 minutes late, but after only five minutes, in which R. Divecha and T. Nutter each bowled one over o Loxton and Harvey, the rain ame down heavily and there as no further play before lunch.

It was announced today that esterday's attendance was 10,700 nd receipts £1,250, the best igures in the history of the ground.

Scores:— Northampton 1st innings 119.

AUSTRALIANS 1ST INNGS.

Barnes b. Nutter	11
Morris b. Clarke	60
Hassett b. Nutter	127
Hamence b. Nutter	34
Loxton not out	7
Harvey not out	11
Extras	12
Total (for four)	262

—Reuter.

WEDNESDAY'S PLAY

London, June 16.

Northamptonshire were all out for 119 in the opening day of heir match against the Australians. When stumps were drawn, the tourists had lost four wickets in scoring 260 runs.

Lindsay Hassett, Australia's vice-captain, was again in great orm, putting on 127, and Arthur Morris, opening batsman, scored 60 before losing his wicket.

Divecha, a young Indian, scored 33 for Northamptonshire, while M.C.B. Clarke, former West Indies Test player, put up 19. They added 54 runs for the county in 55 minutes.

Bill Johnston, left-arm medium pace bowler, took three wickets for 24 runs, and Ian Johnson, off-spinner, three for 13.

Hassett batted two hours 35 minutes for his runs and hit 17 fours.

The Australians quickly lost a wicket, Barnes giving an easy catch to short fine leg at 17, but Morris, after an uncomfortable opening against Divecha, and Hassett added 47 before tea.

The tourists punished the Northants bowlers after tea. Morris and Hassett added 122 for the second wicket, and then Hamence helped Hassett in a third wicket stand of 104.

Hassett, driving brilliantly, reached his century in two hours. He had batted two and a half hours and hit 17 fours when he played on to Nutter, a former Lancashire medium paced bowler. Nutter had just previously bowled Hamence immediately after taking the new ball.

The Australians finished 141 runs ahead, with six wickets in hand.

AUSTRALIA 1ST INNINGS.

Barnes c and b Nutter	11
Morris b Clarke	60
Hassett b Nutter	127
Hamence b Nutter	34
Loxton not out	6
Harvey not out	11
Extras	11
Total (for 4)	260

—Reuter.

140-Storey Building

Houston, Texas, June 17.

The United Building Supply Company's General Manager, Marcel Goodell, today announced that plans were being considered for a 140-storey building in Houston.

If built, it would be 101 feet taller than the Empire State Building and one foot taller than the planned Palace of the Soviets in Moscow.—United Press.

2 Prewar Champions Entered

London, June 17.

Two pre-war Wimbledon lawn tennis champions, Jean Borotra of France and Sidney Wood of America, figure in the list of overseas entries for the championships to be played from June 21 to July 3.

Borotra first won the title in 1924, while Wood was champion seven years later.

Twenty-five overseas countries are represented, with the Americans, who have dominated Wimbledon since the war, sending a powerful contingent of 16 players, including Frankie Parker, favourite for the title who has just won the French championship, Tom Brown, last year's finalist, and their star quintette of Wightman Cup women.

John Bromwich, of Australia, and Eric Sturgess, of South Africa, head the Empire hopes, while notable continental contenders for the men's title include—Jaroslav Drobny, of Czechoslovakia, Josef Asboth, of Hungary, Lennart Bergelin, of Sweden, and Hans Redl, one-armed Austrian.

The Philippines will be represented by F. Amper and R. Deyro.—Reuter.

HUGE SURPLUS

Washington, June 17.

Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder said the U.S. Government will wind up the current fiscal year on June 30 with a budget surplus of more than US$7 billion.—Associated Press.

CHAMPION IN GOOD CONDITION

Pompton Lakes, N. J., June 16.

World heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis has four days of training ahead of him before he defends his title for the 25th time.

He fights Jersey Joe Walcott in the Yankee Stadium in New York next Wednesday night.

He will box on Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Present plans call for him to box four rounds each day. Manager Marshall Miles and trainer Manny Seamon consider Joe's condition for the scrap right now.

Miles said he would work in the corner with Louis on the night of the fight along with Seamon, Larry Annales and George Nicholson. Seamon will be the chief second.

Manager Miles intends to appeal to Commissioner Eddie Eagen to prevent Walcott's manager and trainer from using vaseline and oil on Walcott's arms and legs during the scrap.

Miles said he protested to the State Inspector in Walcott's corner as well as to the referee during the last fight but that they paid absolutely no attention to him.

Walcott, who is training at Grenloch, New Jersey, took a day off from boxing drills. He plans three more stiff drills before breaking camp. One will be on Thursday, one Saturday and the other, Sunday.—Associated Press.

MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH

Nanking, June 17.

The Kuomintang elder statesman, Yu Yu-jen, expressed the opinion today that the United States aid is a "matter of life or death for China."

The President of the Control Yuan said if the ECA China fund were properly administered it will go a long way toward remedying the country's present plight. However, if not productively expended it will defer national recovery for a considerable period of time.

Yu said that the Control Yuan is determined to exercise special care that the American aid is correctly used.

He understood China had unofficially asked the United States for a large loan to be used as a Chinese currency stabilisation fund but did not know whether there were any results.

"Currency reform is urgent and important," he said "but a loan from the United States is the first prerequisite for a stabilisation fund.—United Press.

ENGLISH HORSE WINS HUNT CUP

Ascot, June 16.

An English horse, Master Vote, stole the limelight when the Royal Ascot Meeting was continued today before another great crowd, for this five-year-old golding did what no other horse has ever done in winning the Royal Hunt Cup in successive years.

The King, Queen and the two Princesses, who again drove down the course in State, saw Master Vote, carrying 18 pounds more than last year, win in easy fashion by four lengths at odds of 100 to 7 from Prince Peto, with Star Witness third.

The winning jockey was the Australian, T. Johnstone, who had won the Derby on My Love.

France had her customary winner when Marcel Boussac's filly Coronation took the first race of the day.

While the strong French challenge was overthrown in the two mile Churchill Stakes, it was an Irish horse, Heron Bridge, which carried off the prize at the long odds of 100 to 8.

Masuka's failure to start was not the only blow for backers in the Coronation Stakes, for after the supposed danger, Duplicity, had won the race, the Stewards disqualified her on their own initiative for crossing, and the race went to the 20 to 1 outsider, Forkull.

Another 20 to 1 outsider, Las Vegas, took the Besesecarouck Stakes of one and a half miles to record a double for Charles Elliott, who had won the Coronation Stakes.—Reuter.

Reds Were Murderers

Ipoh, June 17.

Police said today they have identified the slayers of the three British rubber plantation managers as members of the Communist group led by Lui Pong-pui.

The police predicted they would capture the killers soon.

The Perak State Government today appealed to the Malayan Government to extend the extraordinary powers announced yesterday to all of Malaya in an effort to halt Communist terrorism.—United Press.

(See Page Nine)

Keith Miller makes a spectacular catch to dismiss Joe Hardstaff of England for nothing off Bill Johnston during the first Test Match at Nottingham. (AP Photo).

Braves Knocked Out Of The Lead

New York, June 16.

The Pittsburgh Pirates and Boston Braves shared the National League today. The New York Giants and Saint Louis Cardinals were a game off the pace in the third place.

The Boston Braves were knocked out of the lead position they held yesterday by the Chicago Cubs today, 8-5. It was the Cubs' first victory over the Braves in eight games this season. A two-run homer by Chicago first baseman Eddie Waitkus, and a three-run homer by third baseman Andy Pafko accounted for five of the winners' tallies.

Twelve hits, including two homers, helped the Pittsburgh Pirates to win from the New York Giants 11-5. Centre fielder Johnny Hope, and right fielder Wally Westlake drove in homers.

The Saint Louis Cardinals and Philadelphia Phillies were rained out of their night game at Philadelphia. Cincinnati played at Brooklyn.

The Boston Red Sox pounded Cleveland's Bob Feller to his fifth straight defeat in the American League with a barrage of 13 hits, including seventh inning homers by left fielder Ted Williams and second baseman Bobby Doerr. The Red Sox won 7-4.

Williams, with a walk, two doubles and a single in his other turns at bat, had a perfect day at the plate.

Athletics pitcher lefty Lou Brisse lost a tough one as the Detroit Tigers ran their winning streak to six straight games with a 2-1 victory over Philadelphia. The 24-year-old Brissie had a one hit 1-0 shutout through eight innings, but could not hold it. The Tigers tied it in the ninth and won with three straight hits in the 11th.

Allie Reynolds went the route for the first time since May 11 and pitched the New York Yankees to a 13-1 victory over the Chicago White Sox. The Yank won the game in the first inning scoring two times. They added another run in the fourth.

The Saint Louis Browns met the Washington Senators in a night game in Saint Louis.

Scores:

	R	H	E
Chicago	8	12	0
Boston	5	8	3
(Winning pitcher Kush).			
Pittsburgh	11	12	1
New York	5	6	4
(Winning pitcher Ernie Bonham)			
Boston	7	13	1
Cleveland	4	7	1
(Winning pitcher Joe Dobson)			
Detroit	2	6	1
Philadelphia	1	5	1
(Winning pitcher Art Heuteman)			
New York	3	7	0
Chicago	1	7	2

(Winning pitcher Allie Reynolds).—Associated Press.

Queen's Club Tennis

FALKENBURG GETS THROUGH

London, June 16.

Bob Falkenburg, United States holder of the Queen's Club championships, scraped through into the quarter finals of the men's singles at Queen's Club today.

But Falkenburg dropped a set in beating K. Konoljevic of India, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2.

In the women's singles Shirley Fry, USA, went into the quarter finals by beating Mrs. Sheila Summers of South Africa, 6-1, 9-7.

Louise Brough, favoured to win the women's title at Wimbledon and Mrs. Pat Canning Todd, both of America, reached the semi-finals today with straight set wins.

The results of other games:

Men's singles, third round:

Frank Sedgman, Australia beat B. Vodicka, Czecholovakia 6-1, 6-2.

Enrique Morea, Argentine beat Jack Harper, Australia, 13-11, 6-4.

Gardnar Mulloy, US, beat M. Alam, Pakistan, 6-1, 6-3.

Robert Ven Meegeren, Holland, beat R. Carter, Britain, 9-7, 6-4.

Eric Sturgess, South Africa, beat Sumant Misra, India, 6-2, 6-2.

Philipe Washer, Belgium, beat P. Masip, Spain, 6-4, 7-5.

Women's singles, third round:

Shirley Fry, US defeated Mrs. Sheila Summers, South Africa, 6-1, 9-7.

Mrs. Margaret Osborne Dupont, US, eliminated Betty Scofield, US, 7-5, 6-2.

In the fourth round of the women's event, Louise Brough, US, beat Mrs. H. Rihbany, US, 6-1, 6-2 and Mrs. Pat Todd, US, beat Mrs. M. A. Prentise, US, 6-1, 6-1.—Associated Press.

LOCAL LEAGUE MORE IMPORTANT

Oslo, June 16.

The Norwegian Football Association today announced that Norway will not take part in the Olympic Games football in London.

The Association regards the work and training for the new Norwegian League series as most important, and it would be seriously disturbed by Olympic participation, states the official announcement.—Reuter.

CYCLING RECORD

Paris, June 16.

Jacques Dupont, a French amateur cyclist previously unknown outside his village of Uzet, has beaten the world amateur standing start one kilometre record with one minute 10.8 seconds.

His time is only 4/5th of a second outside the professional world record, standing to the credit of Bucsaini, of Italy.—Reuter.

GLAMORGAN BATS GET DOUBLE 100'S

VETERAN DAVIES' BIG INNINGS

London, June 16.

Today's County cricket championship matches were dominated by two men playing for Glamorganshire, who each exceeded 200 runs and who each claimed more than 100 in boundaries.

Emrys Davies, who is in his 44th year, batted with all the ease and confidence of a young man while reaching 215 in five hours before being caught at backward point. W. C. Jones, a Rugby international, who was not out with 212 at the close of play, has been batting for four and three-quarter hours, and has so far, hit 22 fours and three sixes. Davies claimed 30 fours and two sixes.

Between the wars Glamorganshire were often struggling at the foot of the County table, but nowadays they are fighting for the lead, with only Derbyshire above them.

This was the second time this season that an "Essex Week" has opened wih a mammoth score against them, because the Australians, it can be recalled, hit up over 700 at Southend.

Test players were back with their counties today and Denis Compton had a hand in four of the first five Kent wickets that fell, bowling two and catching two. Edrich, meanwhile, claimed three of the wickets.

Washbrook's century for Lancashire was in distinct contrast to his poor display in the Test.

Close of play scores:

At Lords: Kent 327 (Ames 58, Evans 75); Middlesex 29 for no wicket.

At Brentwood: Glamorgan 586 for 5 (Parkhouse 69, E. Davies 215, Jones 212 not out, Eagleston 60) against Essex.

At Hove: Cambridge University 138 (Dtwes 62, Cox 5 for 27); Sussex 121 for 8.

At Aldershot: Hampshire 269 (Walbrpn 52, Shakleton 63, Deighton 5 for 78); Combined Services 32 for no wickets.

At Manchester: Lancashire 395 for 8 (Washbrook 140, Wharton 72, Howard 80 not out) against Worcestershire.

At Birmingham: Gloucestershire 223 (Crapp 56, Grove four for 37); Warwickshire 30 for one wicket.

At Belfast: Gentlemen of Ireland 153 (Coxon 6 for 27). Yorkshire to bat.—Reuter.

Lawn Bowls

The following is the Lawn Bowls programme for tomorrow:—

First Division

K.D.R.C. v K.B.G.C.
H.K.F.C. v Recreio
*K.C.C. v I.R.C.

Second Division "A" Section

*K.C.C. v Filipino Club
I.R.C. v Taikoo
Recreio v H.K.C.C.

Second Division "B" Section

H.K.F.C. v H.K.E.R.C.
K.B.G.C. v C.C.C.
P.O.C. v Recreio

* Games will be played at K.B.G.C.

P. O. C.

The following will represent Prison Officers' Club in their League Lawn Bowls game against Recreio at Stanley tomorrow:—

A.W. Hircock, A.E. Burnr, L.A. Brace and A. Jillot (skip).

R.S. Rosen, Cdr. Harrison, G McGrath and T.M. Pile (skip).

H.R. Cappenden, J.S. Joyce, J.W. Grant and R.G. Roberts (skip).

K. C. C.

The following will represent the Kowloon Cricket Club in the Lawn Bowls League tomorrow;—

First Division at K. B. G. C. v I. R. C. at 4 p.m.;—

A.E.P. Guest, S.A. Gray, T.A. Madar and F. Goodwin (skip).

V.C. Labrum, F.E. Skinner, J. Orem and E.C. Fincher (skip).

J.M. Forrest, T. Lock, A.J. Kew and C.S. Rosselet (skip).

Second Division at K. B. G. C. v Filipino Club at 4 p.m.

H. Glittens, D. Hung, J. Tibble, A. Steven, (skip).

A.C. Tribble, W.H. Colledge, R.S. Capell and C. Pope (skip).

J. Tang, L. Bones, R. Leigh and Geo. Lee (skip).

Players are requested to note that the games will be played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, by kind permission of the Committee and Members, instead of at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

INTERPORTER ON A VISIT

Mr. J. M. C. Lopes, the Shanghai Interport Lawn Bowler, arrived in the Colony recently on a short holiday.

Lopes played his first Interport in Hong Kong in 1935 when Shanghai won by two games to one. He again visited Hong Kong with the Interport team in 1938 when Shanghai won all three games.

Chifley Flying To London

Canberra, June 16.

Mr. J. B. Chifley, Australian Prime Minister, is expected to fly to London during July for talks with Mr. Clement Attlee, United Kingdom Prime Minister.

The talks would deal with the Western Union and economic problems common to Australia and Britain.—Reuter.

Kitchee To Tour South

Kitchee Football Club, First Division Soccer Champions, are making arrangements to visit Manila, Singapore, Bangkok and Java and play games there.

With the exception of Kwok Ying-kee who is with the China Olympic team, Kitchee hope to have the services of all their regular players and will be further strengthened by the inclusion of several players from other Chinese Clubs. Among the players invited from other Clubs are Yee Yui-tak, Mok Chung-kan and Lau Ting-sang of Sing Tao and Hung King-yuk of Chinese Athletic.

The team hopes to be back in Hong Kong by the middle of August.

Clash In Teheran

Teheran, June 17.

Many people were injured here today when the police opened fire during a demonstration against the new Persian Premier.

About 1,500 people took part in the demonstration in Majlis (Parliament) Square. Two children were said to be among those injured by the police and taken to hospital.

The demonstration was reported to have been instigated by an opposition leader, Avatallah Nashani, and a former premier, Said Zir Ed Din.

The Bazaar and Majlis were closed today and the deputies were meeting in secret session.—Reuter.

Inter-Club Swimming On June 26

The warm weather has meant the beginning of serious training in preparation for the full season programme planned by the convenors of Hong Kong's aquatic clubs. Participation in the Colony Swimming Championships in September is, of course, their main objective.

So far, only the Victoria Recreation Club has made any move towards competitive swimming. This was at their first inter-members' gala held late in May when Lykke Rose, the former Danish champion, broke into the headlines with her record performance in the Ladies' 50 yards Back event.

The Chinese clubs, producers of many of our champions, should come very much into the news again after their clean sweep victory at the National Atheletic Meet in Shanghai.

The First inter-club meet will be held on the June 26 at the V.R.C. bath when the home team will be entertaining the Eastern Atheletic Club.

Wilfred Lawrence, veteran champion, present title holder and V.R.C.'s ablest all-round man, has started in regular training. A.V. Lopes, the Colony's fastest backstroke sprinter, is busy developing the novel somersault turn by which he hopes to trim off precious seconds. His 71 secs. for the 100 in his first race of the season speaks well for his form.

George Saunders, holder of the 50 free, is noticeably absent these days since his appearence at the members' night when he returned his record time in the same event. C. Guterres, F. Monteiro, G. Roza-Pereira, make up most of the Club's strength.

Heather and Shauna Anderson, last season's "discoveries", together with Lykke Rose and Celly Guterres, are expected to be seen in members' events as the Eastern side will not be fielding a ladies' team.

Most prominent in the Eastern line-up is youthful Yeung Kin-man, who last year caused the biggest upset in swimming circle, when he snatched a victory from the colony's seeded harbour swimmers. He is being entered in the 220 free event.

Matched against him on the V.R.C. side will probably be F. Monteiro and W. Lawrence. Enrique Chan, Tom Kew and William Tiu will be the visitors' first string sprinters.

The water polo team of the Eastern Atheletic Club which participated in the NAM will be in exhibition against a V.R.C. seven. This event and the 200 yards freestyle relay will surely prove to be the feature of the evening's programme.

The V.R.C. team, besides being the better equipped, is also numerically superior to their guests. But much can be depended upon the spirit and sportsmanship of the Eastern atheletes—a well established fact—to give aquatic fans their money's worth.

KIMBERLEY.

PRESTIGE FIRST WITH SOVIET

London, June 16.

Soviet Russia, apparently unwilling to suffer a prestige defeat in the international competition, allowed its last chance to enter the Olympics to pass unnoticed at midnight tonight.

At that hour, the 1948 Olympic committee closed its books on all entries for the summer games. Pending final compilation, the record-breaking entry probably will reach 6,000 athletes from 60 nations.

Russia's refusal to participate had been expected since a high Soviet sports official commented in Oslo two months ago that his nation was not yet ready for international athletics. But the committee, headed by Lord Burghley, has been unwilling to say so in the hope that the Russians would fall in line with the Olympic ideal that victory is less important than a friendly meeting of nations.

Even without Russia, the 14th Olympiad will be the greatest in the history of the games. But Lord Burghley, an Olympic champion himself, is disappointed that his personal visit to Moscow more than a year ago had failed to sway the men who seem to be trying to project athletic achievement into the political sphere.

Russia is still recovering from the devastation of war and was naturally not expected to challenge the United States or Sweden in the track and field. But there is known to be tremendous sports activity and reports have spoken of competitions involving fantastic numbers of competitors. With hundreds of thousands in training, it is inconceivable to experts that Russia has not or will not soon develop world class athletes.—United Press.

BICYCLE RACE TRAGEDY

Aldore, June 16.

Richard Depoorter, Belgian bicycle racer was injured fatally when he collided with a stone wall in a tunnel during the Tour de Suisse today.

The crash occurred after Depoorter had negotiated the climb up the dangerous Susten Pass and was coming down into the valley. He died within a few minutes after the accident, without regaining consciousness.—Associated Press.

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